



WHEEL & WOGGLE

The Newsletter of the RIBI branch of the
International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

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Brian Kimberley,
Branch Chairman,
ushers in
the new year

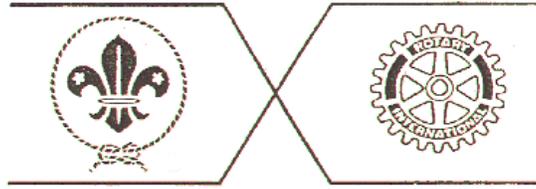
Its now toward the end of January, there is a strong forecast of snow next week, if it arrives it will be quite a novelty here in Worcestershire. So best wishes to you all for 2004.

I started my Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians' year with a meeting of the Executive Committee on January 4th at my home. I usually enjoy the winter meeting most of all, we have a lunch together prepared by my wife, with my help of course, and get down to business about 2.30pm.

All the Committee usually turn up with wife or partner unless they are out of the country and travel from their homes, Eastbourne in the south and Halifax in the north and counties in between. It was good to have Beatrice Lapham, wife of Bill and National President of Inner Wheel with us taking time off from her busy schedule.

We also welcomed Shirley Kirk, attending her first meeting accompanied by Adrian Faiers. (Contd. on page 5)

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CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE ALISTER CAMPBELL

It was with very great sadness that his many friends learned of Alister's untimely death and nowhere more so than in the Rotary Scout Fellowship.

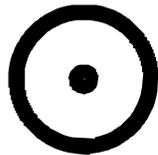
Alister was a keen Rotarian and a keen member of the Scout movement so, when these organisations established a bridge between the two, Alister was among the first to join.

Always smiling, always helping, Alister joined the Fellowship Executive, travelling regularly to the Midlands from Cumbria for its meetings. In recent years Alister suffered from bad health but however ill he might be feeling, he rarely missed a meeting and his enthusiasm and his skill with a camera were infectious.

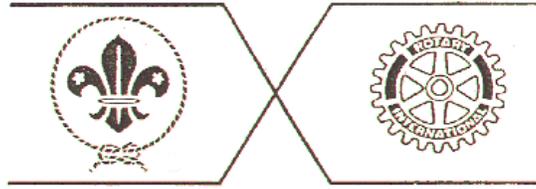
When it became necessary for an auditor, or more correctly an examiner, to be appointed to oversee the Fellowship accounts, Alister volunteered and served efficiently in that capacity.

Alister's funeral was packed with friends from Rotary, from Scouting, from his Church and from his many other interests. He was a warm friend, a great colleague and an ever-smiling enthusiast who will be sadly missed by us all.

Tom Cryer



The "ever-smiling enthusiast" promoting Wheel & Woggle



Welcome to new members



David BIRD	Caernarfon	D1180
Mike BREWELL	St Albans Priory	D1260
Arthur CHAPMAN	Barnet & East Barnet	D1130
Frederick DAVIES	Llanidloes	D1180
Derrick DOWNS	Margate	D1120
Reginald DUTSON	Erdington	D1060
Alan FLEET	Cardiff East	D1050
Paul KERSHAW	Twickenham upon Thames	D1140
Mike LAMBERT	I nverkeithing	D1010
Robert PANTON	Bedford	D1070
E Anthony ROBERTS	Porthmadog	D1180
Neil WINCKLESS	Surbiton	D1140

We had a supply problem earlier this year, if you did not receive your tie, please contact the secretary, who will remedy the situation pdq!

Extracts from the 2003 Annual General Meeting

A good proportion of our membership either attended or sent apologies to the annual meeting held in London in October.

Chairman Brian reported on the activities which had been undertaken by members during the past year, including attendance at the hall of friendship at the RIBI conference in Blackpool, as well as manning stalls at other District conferences. He and other members had paid a visit to Brownsea Island to establish from those on the spot how best they might use our own donation to the Appeal. It was reported that the Appeal had now raised about £50,000 but there had been a marked fall in donations from the USA since the atrocity of September 11. All fundraisers were reporting a similar story, so we must re-double our efforts to raise the profile of the Appeal in our own Clubs and Districts.

The Accounts (see copy attached) showed that we had a surplus of about £100 for the year but, after accounting for the donation to the Brownsea Island Appeal, we ended up with a deficit of about £900 to be met from our modest reserves.

Subscriptions will go up with effect from 1 July 2004 to bring this Branch into alignment with the rates announced by the Worldwide organisation. Annual membership costs £10.00 this year but will rise to £14.00. The Life membership subscription is again fixed at ten times the annual subscription. The joining fee of £10 remains unchanged.

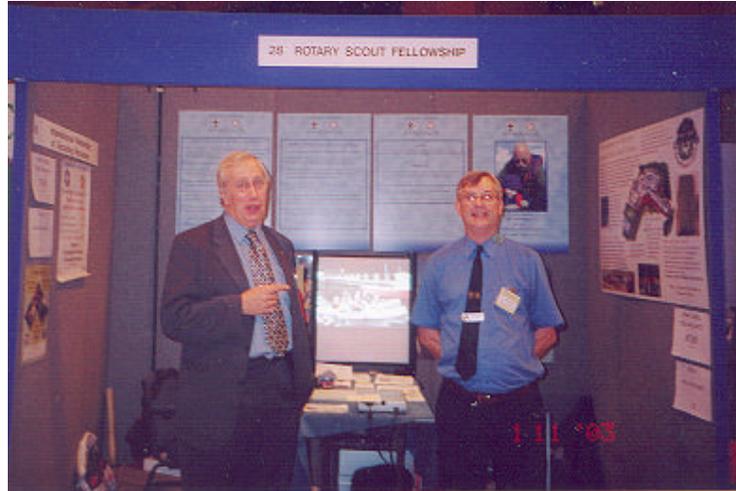
There were 120 members on roll, of whom 41 were life members. (If you would like a copy of the list of fellow members, just ask the Secretary)

David Judge, a member in our own Branch, who is also Chairman of IFSR Worldwide, sent a written report on matters discussed at the AGM of IFSR - held in Brisbane during the RI convention. It was an opportunity to hear how other Branches are growing (and warming to the projects to celebrate the Scouting Centenary in 2007)

The officers were re-elected unopposed and a new member was elected to the management committee, Shirley Kirk. Watch this space as she has some interesting ideas to bring more "fellowship" to our Branch, something for all members to share, not just read about! This is a development from Chairman Brian's initiative that we must have more getting together on a regional basis. Weekly meetings of Rotarians are deemed essential if we are to get to know each other well enough to pull together on Rotary projects and the same principle must be true of this Fellowship.

Members were asked to continue to seek ways in which Scouting can help Rotary in 2005. This will smooth the way to seek help from Rotary for Scouting's celebrations in 2007.

Promoting the Fellowship at District 1060 Conference 2003



And it's goodnight from him!

Committee members John Phillips (left) and Ken Scott (right)
supporting DG Tom Cryer, past chairman of IFSR
RIBI Branch, at his conference.

Can we bring our display to your conference?

2005 / 2007 Linked Celebrations.

How are your plans developing?

Here is excellent news from Richard Oscroft.

I am very interested in the suggestions coming forward to link the Rotary Centenary in 2005 and the Scouting Centenary in 2007 - I am sure this can be made to work well for the benefit of both our organisations: I look forward to being involved as details develop. To this end my own Club - Chelmsford Mildmay D 1240 - has already put aside £1,000 of its charitable funds and proposes to increase this by £500 each year until 2007 (other emergency priorities permitting) so we, at least, should have £3,000 by then to support the budding process.

Regards,

Richard Oscroft.
Core Team Member, World Jamboree 2007
Deputy County Commissioner, Essex.



Chairman Brian Kimberley ushers in the new year

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One of the less pleasant duties of the Executive is to receive a report from the treasurer on members who have not renewed their subscription for more than two years, in spite of being written to and reminded. Sometimes we hear that a member has passed away and we hadn't heard or they've moved away or resigned from Rotary. You, our live membership, have to be the eyes and ears of the Fellowship, so please tell us if any members you know have left us for any reason - we do care. Unfortunately if members just don't renew, in fairness to us all, they will be deemed to have resigned and will not receive any further communication.

Now let us get onto more pleasant themes. The Fellowship intends to increase its presence at District Conferences, This needs local support and Secretary Ken Scott will be pleased to receive invitations backed up by support on the ground. (See schedule below. Ed.)

We are planning some events for fellowship and membership participation, so watch out for these.

You will know my wish that the Fellowship be involved in fundraising for the Brownsea Island Appeal. The organisers are being asked to let us know the up-to-date total of contributions received via the Rotary Scout Fellowship. Please will you let us know, too, if you have or will be donating in the name of Rotary Fellowship and how much, so that the success can be measured. Funds are now urgently required so that building work can be finished before the European Jamboree in 2005. Please don't hold back.

Here are some ideas:-

- ?? Tell your own Club the Brownsea Island Story and ask them for a Donation. My own Club donated £100. we have two IFSR members.
- ?? Ask any Trusts that you are involved in if they can help.
- ?? Ask your Scout Group or District to hold a fund raising event for this project.
- ?? Make a donation yourself.

Hopefully we can put this appeal on the list of answers we can give when asked "what does the Fellowship do?"

Have a good 2004 both in Rotary and Scouting.

Brian

District conferences

February	1030	1100						
March		1090	1190	1260				
September	1010	1070	1160	1270				
October		1020	1040	1050	1060	1110	1140	1150
		1170	1180	1200	1230	1240	1250	1280
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So, you can see why we cannot attend them all

but with your help ?

Celebration of achievements?

1st CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE, JAMAICA, 1952

Over the weekend of 15/16 February 2003, the eight original members of the U K Contingent to The 1st Caribbean Jamboree in Jamaica, held a reunion to mark the anniversary of the event held in 1952. All in their late 60's, the members are:

Terence O'Reilly (38th Cardiff), Geoffrey Bell-Jones (13th Ipswich), Richard Denby (1st Purley), Brian Martin (28th Glasgow), Derek Hamblin (151st Bristol), John Rimell (229th Bristol), John Parker & John Stoneman (both 9th Reigate).

The leaders were Mr P B Nevill OBE (Headquarters Commissioner for Grants) and Mr Charlie Roberts (GSM 15th Finchley) both of whom have passed away.

The contingent met at Baden Powell House, London and then paraded outside Buckingham Palace to re-enact the photograph of 51 years ago and a reunion dinner was held in the evening.

Sunday's visit to The London Eye and a river trip rounded off a most memorable and enjoyable weekend for the men that last met when they were 16 years old in 1952.

John Stoneman
District 1250, Rotary Club of Reigate
and Hon. Scouter.

Editor's note: We would love to share more such stories. Just e-mail, fax or post them to the Secretary, address on page 2 and we will try to get them published in the next edition of Wheel & Woggle.

The OUT in Scouting comes to the Fellowship

The next committee meeting is to be an open meeting.

All members are invited to meet together for lunch on 13 June combined with a canal boat trip near Birmingham.

Departure time and venue will be circulated later but put the date in your diary now.

Also

The Annual General Meeting (late September) will be combined with activities at The Fort, Dulwich, South London.

Please support us in these new open (open air) ventures.

YOUR FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOU!

at the RIBI conference in April

If you are going to Bournemouth this year, can you spare an hour to help us in the Hall of Friendship?

- ?? enjoy fellowship with other members of IFSR
- ?? encourage potential new members to join
- ?? promote the Brownsea Island project
- ?? help broadcast our plans for the 2005 and 2007 centennial celebrations

contact Secretary, Ken Scott, evenings / weekends on 01582 768597

If you are not going to the RIBI conference, have you thought to ask whether committee members would join you to take a display stand at your own district conference? We need to be seen as at many conferences as is possible. Have display, will travel. All we need is your support

Whilst we have your attention
is your sub still outstanding for the current year?

Did you leave the reminder behind the clock waiting to find a few minutes to deal with this?
Well, the moment is now. We have some ambitious plans for the next few years and we need to have you on board. Hon. Treasurer, David Astin, will be pleased to hear from you.

Brownsea Island
Appeal

nearly £60,000
raised to date
but there's still a
long way to go!



Lost contact with old friends?

log on to

www.scoutsreunited.co.uk

It's easy!

What's going on in your neck of the woods?

Continuing the series about activities where Rotary and Scouting have combined their resources to achieve greater results, Douglas Rae of the Rotary Club of Caversham sends this report of WINGS2003.

DISTRICT 1090 WINGS IN FROM GRENADA

Working with both Berkshire County Scout Council and Guide Council, Rotary Clubs based in the Royal County of Berkshire have assisted members of The Scout Association of Grenada to attend a unique event, WINGS 2003, held over eight days, early in August, in Windsor Great Park.

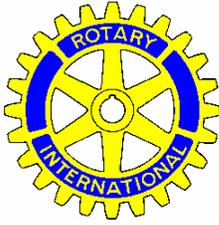
A truly international camp, WINGS 2003 attracted 4000 Scouts and Guides, including 1000 overseas visitors from 35 different countries. It was the third such camp to have been held on Windsor Great Park since the idea was conceived in 1993. The popularity of the camp has grown over the years to the point that it has become quite a landmark in international camping arrangements. A comprehensive range of activities was organised to suit all age groups, including offsite arrangements. The programme included: The "Monopoly" Run around London: WINGS' own version of the "Mount Challenge"; climbing and abseiling, prospecting in an Australian gold mine, the Global Development Village (GDV), crafts, circus skills, archery and a theatre workshop. In the evenings the fun continued with discos, films and the nightly WINGS News broadcast.

Rotary Clubs in Berkshire were generous in their response to an appeal by Rotarian Douglas Rae to assist with raising the funds which would allow a group of Scouts from the West Indian island of Grenada to attend WINGS 2003. Without this help, the party would not have been able to participate. In the event, as a result of contributions received, seven Scouts accompanied by two leaders were able to attend the camp. The group, by all accounts, had a really super time mixing with other young people from around the world, a truly international experience.

County Scout Chairman, Rotarian Michael Nightingale of the Reading Maiden Erleigh Club, commented "It is really terrific that these two great organisations, having similar aims in promoting international friendship, have been able to support jointly this visit by young people from Grenada."

WINGS 2003 has proved so successful that plans are already being made for a repeat of the camp in 2009. It is apparent that there is already strong support for participation in this forthcoming international event.

P.S. as a result of participating at WINGS 2003, the Scout Association in Grenada is now planning to raise funds to visit the World Jamboree in the UK in 2007.



Leaders and Scouts from Grenada enjoying WINGS2003
with County Chairman Rotarian Michael Nightingale (left)
and County Vice Chairman Rotarian Douglas Rae (right)

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the full story.

If you have good news to share, contact the editor at the address below

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