

Rotary Club of Hythe



Flying Hesperus

Hythe Venetian Fete

After some 40 years Hythe Rotary Club opted to enter a float in this years Venetian Fete. A



committee was formed to put various aspects of the float together. A number of members of the committee were Terry Allcock Don Holloway John Wren Collen Hill John Gabris.

After some discussion it was agreed that John Wren and John Gabris would build the float with the help of Collen Hill. Plans were drawn up by John and Nettie Wren as to the shape and style of the float. In reality we were making it up as we went along. JG had never made or seen a float so He was working in the dark.

Work started some three weeks before the event, after six months of thinking about it. We decided to build it in John Wren's garden which began to look like a small shipyard. JW supplied all the timber which made it possible to build and we all thank him greatly for that. NW did the lettering and painting JG did the electrics, lighting and worrying about time. The weather was good to us and we managed to build the craft nearly on time.

Come Wednesday morning the vessel was dismantled and taken to the canal. It was truly inspiring as all the competitors were putting their final touches to their floats, while we began to re-build ours. During the next few hours the float started to look like a steam boat, work was going well under

the very hot sun. JG was sweating not from the heat, but the worry about the lack of time and so much to do. He did not realise how much wire was needed. By about 5.0pm the float was almost complete and we were nearly ready to set sail.

The engine had arrived (the two rowers). Malcolm and Liz were also there in full costume, they really entered into the spirit and certainly made the evening. Champagne was provided by Malcolm to christen the boat and the Jazz band were in full swing on the back of the float.

We set sail at about 7.0pm on our maiden voyage. The float was complete, but untested the boiler room was pumping out the smoke (not quite enough to cover the FHODS, He did try).



As we were sailing by, the crowd were cheering and waving us along. There were some 30 thousand people on the banks all having a great time. The effort that everybody put into the day made it very memorable and enjoyable.

The whole event was enhanced by a spectacular firework display to music.

The Hythe Rotary Float was awarded 3rd place in class Large Societies and Clubs. What a comeback!!

For a Video of the Event Ask JG



Pictures By Erik Hartland

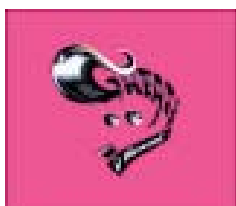
Trip to the Marlowe Theatre



On September 23rd nearly 30 Rotarians and friends went to the Marlowe Theatre to see the hit musical GREASE.

The outing was organised by Collen Hill, as always there was a meal at the Phoenix after the show.

The show was a London production and was very professionally made. The



whole audience together with the Rotarians were clapping and toe tapping to the rhythms of the music.

The beer and food was to the Phoenix's usual standard. Everybody had an enjoyable evening. Well done to Collen for a slick organisation of the event.



James sat in his lawyer's office.
 "Do you want the bad news first or the terrible news?" the lawyer said.
 "Give me the bad news first."
 "Your wife found a picture of a naked couple worth a half a million pounds."
 "That's the bad news?" asked James incredulously. "I can't wait to hear the terrible news."
 "The terrible news is that it's of you and your secretary."

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FOR AUGUST

This month has seen two major events for us. The first was the Age Concern Boot Fair which coincided with Brian Walkling's holiday!

All went well I'm pleased to say and Age Concern is about £1,000 richer as a result, thanks to the efforts of all those who helped. We had enough Rotarians who, by now, know the ropes and my thanks to all who helped. It has helped the image of Rotary no end.

The second event was the Venetian Fete. This committee's part was the parking on the Green and it is a major manpower commitment. Many Rotarians were also committed elsewhere for the Fete with our own float and other duties. This left a shortage of 3 or 4 helpers for car parking. As a result several Rotarians were asked to do excessive duties but coped wonderfully. My grateful thanks to all those who helped and for managing matters so well.

Despite these difficulties it was successful but we may have been helped by numbers being down on before. I suspect that the expenses may be more than last time. The result is that of the £1,200 that we took, considerably less that £1,000 will be coming back to us. This is entirely the result of fewer people attending the Fete and no doubt this will be looked at for next time with regard to advertising.

Again, my thanks to everyone who has helped this committee this month and I assure you that we are taking a rest next month.

BJ

Why does the Bar Association prohibit sex between Lawyers and their clients?

To prevent the client for being billed twice for what is essentially the same service.

CLUB SERVICE REPORT TO COUNCIL 15th SEPTEMBER 2005

Cliff Woodward a well known local personality has been asked on behalf of the club if he would like to become an HONARY MEMBER of ROTARY and he has accepted with pleasure.

This is in recognition of Cliff's help to Rotary on many occasions and in particular for the work he does on ROUND THE HOUSES race day.

President Malcolm will write and confirm this to Cliff in due course.

Menus for those going out for the meal at the CAFÉ BELGE on the Saturday night of conference have been distributed and I can feel my gastronomic juices rising as I write this report.

It was mentioned that we all might like to wear evening dress just to put a bit of a fun thing into the evening also bearing in mind we would be in the right attire to drop into the conference on the way back if we were so inclined.

We have had to cancel our proposed SHEEP DRIVE through Hythe High Street by Tony Clark owing to public liability problems. I know this is a great disappointment to Tony as he was looking forward to taking up his right as a FREEMAN of HYTHE to become a sheep herder for the day. Somehow I could just see Tony in a shepherds smock complete with crook and sheep.

I thought the recent Ladies night at the Stade Court went extremely well. Thanks should go to the staff and management of the Stade Court who made our evening an very pleasurable event. Thanks should also go to Brian for the good work he has put in arranging the menus etc..

**IN SHORT WE HAD
GOOD FOOD
GOOD SERVICE
GOOD SPEAKERS
AND ABOVE ALL THE FELLOWSHIP WAS
EXCELLENT**

P.O.T.S.

It was pointed out that a short while ago 7 members forgot to make their appologies and consequently there was an event with the hosting venue.

The Club will now vigorously enforce the

P.O.T.S.

Policy

Pay-up Or Telephone Secretary
(Before 10.30am)

Future Hesperus Copy

Please either give me on a disk or E-Mail me articles for the Hesperus, as soon as possible, but **no later than 26th October.**

E-Mail john@gabris.us

Failing that will Rotary pay me to go onto a Psychic Awareness course!!!



Lawyer's creed: A man is innocent until proven broke.