

Maidenhead Rotaract Club Newswire



EDITORS WELCOME

Welcome to the 3rd edition of Maidenhead Rotaracts' Club Newswire.

The aim of this newsletter is to inform everyone of what the club has been up to, member news and upcoming events.

There are loads of great activities coming up in the near future, from EUCO 2008, Ben's Birthday, DIY Days, and Community Days that we're not going to have time to rest in the near future. Take a look at the back page for the up-coming events!

It's a great time to be involved with Maidenhead Rotaract and we hope all members will have great fun. Remember if there's something you want to do suggest it and I'm sure it will be arranged!

And remember, this is the clubs' newsletter so if you have anything you want to see in it please let me know.

Happy reading, Lisa

CHARITY CORNER

We have recently made a donation £100 to Rotary's **PolioPlus** Polio Plus Project.

Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the number of polio cases has been slashed by more than 99 %, preventing 5 million instances of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2007, fewer than 2,000 cases were reported world-wide.



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UNUSUAL BREAKFAST



Bacon butties and fried eggs were dished up to Maidenhead Rotaract Club members on a Sunday morning in March – on a raft in the middle of the river Thames!

About 14 of us, from Maidenhead and other local Rotaract Clubs, met at the Longridge Boating Centre in Marlow and set about making a raft out of barrels, wood and rope.

We then took it in turns to float across the river on the raft whilst eating bacon sandwiches and frying eggs on a disposable barbecue.

The bizarre brunch was all part of Rotaract in GB&I's Unusual Breakfast Challenge to mark World Rotaract Week and the 40th Anniversary of our organization.



Club member, Lisa Burnett, said "It was great fun. Luckily the raft floated, and we all got chance to eat our breakfast while out on the Thames, which was unusual to say the least!"

I think the pictures say it all!



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FILM REVIEW

The Film: Vantage Point

The Plot:: Following a presidential assassination, eight strangers each give their version of events. As their stories unfold it becomes clear that the motivations behind this attack are more shocking than anyone ever realised.

The Verdict: A good film, shot in a unique way – although the last 20 minutes were very American Gun-ho!



WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

With seven events in seven days, we were all busy bunnies trying to fit them all in—a brief synopsis of the ones we managed to get to are below:

Event 1: Sunday 9th March – Moonraker

A couple of Rotaract teams took part but no news yet on the winner of the trophy!

Event 2: Monday 10th March - Bowling at Theale/Calcot

Successful event although it didn't finish until late because the lanes kept breaking!

Event 3: Tuesday 11th March - Wallingford Speakers Night

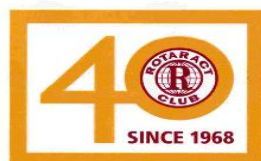
Nina went along and reported that the speakers were excellent and thought provoking. There were over 30 Rotarians in attendance.

Event 4: Thursday 13th March - Reading Pub Night

Adam, Lisa & Ben went along to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Rotaract.

Event 5 Friday 14th March - Maidenhead Treasure Hunt/Quiz

Adam, Lisa, Ben & Nina took part – it was a great night taking in all the pubs in Maidenhead – although there is photographic evidence of Ben asleep in the Rose and he managed to break a chair (accidentally)!



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Upcoming Events



Below is a list of our upcoming events - if you want to come along to any just let Lisa (07876 341334) or Adam (07971 672790) know by calling/texting or email maidenhead@rotaract.org.uk.

| Date | Event | Location |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 15th April 2008 | Community Project | TBC |
| 13th April 2008 | Longridge Community Project | Longridge Boat Centre, Marlow |
| 15th April 2008 @ 8pm | Club Meeting | Rose Pub, King Street, Maidenhead |
| 19th April 2008 @ 11am | District Assembly | Reading University |
| 19th April 2008 | Community Painting Project | Iver Heath Infant School |
| 30th April - 4th may | EUCO 2008 | Hammersmith |
| 1st May 2008 | Maidenhead Community Summit | St. Josephs |
| 5th May 2008 | Longridge Family Fun day | Longridge Boat Centre, Marlow |
| 6th May 2008 | Club Meeting | Rose Pub, King Street, Maidenhead |
| 11th May 2008 | Abingdon Vesper Dragon Boat Race | Abingdon |

A complete list of our upcoming events is available on our website www.rotaract.org.uk/maidenhead