



Maidenhead Rotaract Club Newswire



EDITORS WELCOME

Welcome to the 4th edition of Maidenhead Rotaracts' Club Newswire.

Open up to read about the recent European Rotaract Conference that took place in London and to find out what awards the club has recently been given!

There are loads of great activities coming up in the near future, from speakers at our club meetings to hog roasts and Community Days. It's going to be a busy summer, but I can't wait! 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

WORLD SWIM AGAINST MALARIA

Several members of Maidenhead Rotaract and Rotary Clubs will be swimming to raise money to assist the eradication of Malaria.

The team consists of 3 Rotaractors and 3 Rotarians (so far!) and they will be at the Magnet Leisure Centre on Sunday 18th May from 11am to swim those lengths to raise some cash.

Sponsor the team online at:

www.WorldSwimAgainstMalaria.com/maidenheadrotaract



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EURO 2008 – THE BEST EVER!

With over 950 delegates from 40 different countries the recent European Rotaract Conference that took place in London from 30th April – 4th May was officially the largest gathering of international Rotaractors ever. Delegates came together to celebrate 40 years of Rotaract, a programme of Rotary International.

During the conference delegates took in the famous sights of London, enjoyed the company of Baroness Hanham at their Opening Ceremony and took the time to share ideas and learn about other cultures.



One of the highlights of the conference saw 350 delegates enjoying champagne and croissants in Jubilee Gardens on Saturday 3rd May before taking flight on the London Eye. The weather was perfect and the views around London were breathtaking.

Later that evening the delegates were joined by Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland President Allan Jagger and other guest at their 40th Anniversary Gala Ball at Novotel London West.

During the proceedings Conference Chairman and member of Maidenhead Rotaract, Lisa Burnett, was awarded with a Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris Fellows are awarded to individuals who are advocates of the Rotary Foundation's goals of world peace and international understanding. This special honour is named after the founder of the Rotary Movement.

Lisa commented “It is a real honour to receive a Paul Harris Fellow, made extra special by the fact it was presented during the European Rotaract Conference that I had spent 14 months working on.”

She continued, “I was completely blown away by the award and the standing ovation from those present. Rotaract has been a very important part of my life for over 6 years now and I am so thankful to Rotary District 1110 for the nomination.”

Several delegates commented that it was the best European Rotaract Conference they have ever attended, adding that the organisation was second to none.

Not only did the conference facilitate international understanding it has also raised a considerable sum for the Rotary charity ShelterBox.



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BEN'S BIRTHDAY BOWL-

To celebrate Ben's birthday we decided to show how good (or was that bad!) we were at 10-pin bowling at Maidenhead Mega-bowl. The club were also joined by Jez and Nicky from High Wycombe Rotaract.



Once the teams had been set, they were off. I think its safe to say that there were varying skill levels playing and some unique bowling styles on show! Although I have to say my personal favourite of the evening was a certain person bowling backwards, or rather letting go of the ball and it going behind her rather than down the lane!! I won't mention any names!!

CLUB SCOOPS RGBI AWARDS



Maidenhead Rotaract did extremely well at this years Rotaract in Great Britain & Ireland Awards Ceremony, presented during EUCO 2008.

The club entered 2 awards and...won both!

Firstly the club was recognised as the winner of the "Most Unusual Place to Eat Breakfast" Award for our entry of eating on our man-made raft in the middle of the Thames. The reason for our win here, was not only the fact that eating breakfast on a raft in the middle of the Thames is not an every day occurrence but also as a result of the amount of press coverage we received, 3 weeks in total, in the Maidenhead

Advertiser.

The next accolade to be presented with was "Newsletter of the Year", for this very newsletter series!

The judges reasons for awarding us this prize were:

"It was felt the newsletter covered a good range of topics, looking to the past and future, plus general interest topics such as film reviews plus it is well presented bright and cheerful."

So a big well done to the whole club - these are some great awards and ones we can all be very proud of.

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
18th May 2008 @ 11am	Swim Against Malaria	Magnet Leisure Centre
20th May 2008 @ 8pm	Club Meeting Speaker: Alexander Devine Hospice	Rose Pub, King Street, Maidenhead
28th May 2008 @ 8pm	Games Night inc. Nintendo Wii	Nina's House
1st June 2008 @1am	Bramble Clearing with Maidenhead Waterways Group	MRFC
3rd June 2008 @ 8pm	Club Meeting	Rose Pub, King Street, Maidenhead
7th June 2008 @ 7pm	Burnham Rotaract's 30th Charter Hog Roast	The Red Lion Pub, Burnham
14th June 2008	Street Collection for Alexandra Rose Day	Maidenhead Town Centre
17th June 2008 @ 8pm	Club Meeting	Rose Pub, King Street, Maidenhead
29th June 2008 3 pm	End of Year Club BBQ	Adam & Lisa's Woodlands Park
30th June 2008	Maidenhead Rotary Club Handover	TBC