

### Guides from Mikoroshoni School, Mombassa

Stone Rotary Club has supported the Stone Outward Division Guides' work in Mombassa (Kenya) for several years now. Recently, a group from the school that they have helped establish visited the UK.



We took them to the Apedale Heritage Centre to show them something of the history of North Staffordshire. Included in the group was Maureen Recine – the driving force behind the Stone group's project.

Following the visit, the Club received the following "thank you":

Dear all,  
 Kindly receive  
 our sincere gratitude  
 towards your contributions  
 during our visit. Indeed we  
 enjoyed the tour in the  
 coal mines. We can't stop talking  
 about it and the delicious lunch  
 we had. The way the Rotarians treated  
 and served us made us feel loved  
 ever. We Praise Almighty to shower you all  
 with endless joy and blessings forever, Amen!  
 Long Live Rotarians !!!  
 Long Live Guides !!!  
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# Shelterbox Collection for Pakistan

When the Club received news of the flooding in Pakistan – they were quick to react. Armed with a sample Shelterbox, members were in Stone High Street on 7th August collecting money to finance further boxes. The Shelterbox is a ‘home in a box’ for up to 10 people – it contains a tent, sleeping bags, cooking and water purification equipment and many other useful items – providing immediate support to those made homeless in disaster areas. Each box costs £490 to assemble and ship. Some boxes had already been sent to Pakistan – we needed funds for further boxes, both for immediate despatch, and to hold in stock for future emergencies.



On that first day, kind hearted Stone Residents donated £915, and more money came in later.

Members also decided to use the majority of the money in the Club’s “Service” account (the “charitable” account) to top up the collection – so that a total of three boxes were paid for.

Lewis and Lola Hassall added their pocket money to the collection.

## District have published the following Youth Opportunities timetable:

Young Chef	Young Innovator	Young Photographer	RYLA Camp
Entry forms to be returned by: 30th November 2010	Latest Date for Entry: 30th April 2011	Interest Forms to be returned by: 30th October 2010	Clubs requests for places not later than: 30th November 2010
School - Local Heats to be completed by Mid Jan 2011	Local heats before June 2011	Closing Date for Entries: 14th April 2011	Clubs to submit Application forms and Photo by: 31st March 2011
District Final: mid-Feb 2011.	Regional Final: July 2011	Results: mid-May 2011	RYLA Camp takes place: July/August 2011
Regional Final: mid-March 2011			
RIBI National Final: mid-April 2011			



# Youth Awards

At the end of the Summer term several local schoolchildren were recognised by The Rotary Club of Stone & District for special achievement.

The Club instituted the awards in memory of a long serving member, Albert Holmes, and speaking at the presentations, Rotary President Les Mason said that during his 47 years of membership of the Stone club, Albert was always particularly keen that the Club did all that it could to encourage young people to achieve their full potential.

It is for this reason that the current Club members thought it appropriate to remember Albert in this way.

At Walton Priory Middle School, President Les presented the awards and tokens to Jessica Bradley, Harry Busfield, Alan Cliff, Calvin Cosby, James Evans, Ben Harvey, Keely Jones, Aaron Lyth, Ben Moss and Thomas Scarrott.



At Christ Church Middle School, President Les presented awards to Brittany Burrell, Howard Goodall, Molly Latham, Ewan Renshaw Jessica Sandle and Hannah Seabridge



## “Tom Wilson” Essay Competition

Christ Church Middle School pupils took part in Rotary’s annual ‘Tom Wilson Essay Competition’, also named in memory of a well loved local Journalist and Rotarian.



Ashden Pope (1<sup>st</sup>), Matilda Smith (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Sara Dimmock (3<sup>rd</sup>) were presented with their certificates and prizes at the School Assembly.

The students had been invited to write an essay entitled ‘Stone – Past, Present and Future’ and the judges were particularly impressed with the imagination and writing skills of the students who took part, reporting that they had a very difficult job in identifying the top three entries from so many original essays.

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## ... and at Walton Hall School:

At Walton Hall two Past Presidents of the Club, John Hemmings and Ken Rogers presented many of the students with certificates and awards for special progress. The joint winners of the Endeavour Award were Rachel and Donnor Connor, with Patrick Lechowicz a very creditable runner up.

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## Rotarian Ron Osborne says:

To all Rotarians

It is good to be back after my enforced absence, and I do thank all Rotarians for the very warm welcome I was given at my return meeting.

Thanks also from both Liz and I for all your good wishes during my five weeks in hospital

Ron Osborne

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## More news of Garry and Jen's "down-under" travels ... (July)

We have taken a month to reach Brisbane. We left our douna and woollen jumpers with Jen's mum and now finally, we are in short sleeves. We have "caught up" with lots of friends and rellies who all live along this coastal stretch.

The highlight had to be the whale-watch, when, after waiting for 3 days we motored out from Coffs Harbour in a catamaran. After a disappointing hour or more in the sunshine and waves, (when we only saw "blows" in the distance,) a couple of Hump Backs started performing very close to us, clearing the water, flapping their tails and rolling and waving side fins (pectorals) for us. Everyone on board felt "they'd got their money's worth" and a good photo or two. On our return we checked out the youngest "round the world sailor", Jessica Watson's "Pink Lady" which was tied up in the marina waiting to go to the Sydney Boat Show and then to the Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour. She arrived back into Sydney Harbour a couple of months ago. She was brave!!

In Sydney we stayed at Lane Cove C'van Pk that backs onto the National Park and Lane Cove River. It was a lovely place to stay - native plants and animals, plenty of space for each site and spotless modern amenities. We walked to the new Nth Ryde Railway Station - easy access to the city - and then had a few days at the foot of the Blue Mountains. We caught a train to Katoomba (because we could) and went to a Rotary Meeting to meet friends from Blaxland area.

And so to Wingham via Hawkes Nest and the Bombah ferry that takes you to Bulahdelah. The Lakes Way to Forster was very scenic with lots of places for summer fishing camping trips. Mum was pleased to see us for the week. We did lots of little jobs and left after we installed the new 127 cm flat screen TV and the list of "how to use it" directions. Her sight is deteriorating so hopefully she will see her favourite shows a little better.

The caravan needed to have the wheel bearings serviced so we headed for Ballina (where it was made), and drooled over the minor improvements on the 2010 version. On the way we stopped at New Italy, a good coffee stop and checked out the museum to the pioneering families. In 1880, 340 odd farmers from Northern Italy had been conned to emigrate to a fertile island paradise off New Guinea. Their "leaky" ship made it to Noumea but they couldn't find the destination and then realised they'd been swindled. Sir Henry Parkes eventually sent a boat to get them. Only 200 or so were still alive. So they settled on the Richmond River and developed the industries they were familiar with in Italy, including a silk factory - beautiful garments. Many of the exhibits are precious keepsakes from the original families. It is really worth the stop.

While waiting for the van we went to the Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum - two hours and there was still more to see. If your interest is the development of the super battleships from Nelson's Victory to the latest aircraft carrier you would be in heaven. WW II memorabilia and history, a huge collection of model ships and the only



remaining raft of the La Balsa expedition kept us entertained all morning.

The new stretch of motorway to Tweed Heads was lined with wattle trees all in bloom – so pretty. We went to Movie World for seniors rates – didn't ride the fast roller-coasters, but enjoyed the small one, the boat ride and Shrek Show.

Spent two days in the Brisbane city doing "Hop On- Hop Off" bus, the City Cat, South Bank and a sculpture exhibition by Aus. born Ron Mueck, at the GOMA, (Gallery of Modern Art). Also had a scenic day trip to Toowoomba on the edge of the Darling Downs – rich brown soils and intensive agriculture.

Now it's north from here, to the Sunshine Coast, Hervey Bay and Fraser Island. We are in "all new" territory – no friends or rellies but we are looking forward to exploring what this state has to offer and will let you know next month.



## **Manmade Global Warming: Fact or Myth – from Mike Williamson**

For most of the 1970's it was firmly believed that unless the serious pollution caused by the industrial revolution was stopped and reversed the Earth would return to an inevitable New Ice Age. This proposition has now turned full circle and the agreed consensus is that if we do nothing Global Warming will consume us and we will have caused it.

This point of view I believe is not correct, I think personally it is due to changes in the energy output of the Sun and the position and orbital inclination of the Earth.

However the so called Greens have failed completely to explain why the Earth's average temperature has varied very little over the last ten to fifteen years even though we have been putting more and more Carbon Dioxide into the Atmosphere.

The reasons for changes in the average temperature of the Earth are, in my estimation, due to variations in three of the motions of the Earth relative to the Sun:

These are changes in the eccentricity of the Earths orbit, changes in the tilt of the Earths axis and procession of the Earths axis.

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These changes vary over periods from twenty thousand years up to one hundred thousand years. Also there is one further variation, that being the twenty two year cycle of Sun Spots. This cycle occasionally breaks down and stops, such a stoppage that caused the mini-ice age in the Eighteenth Century.

It is hard to believe that 'Global Warming' is a reality when we have just had the coldest winter for the last 30 years and are now in our second poor summer in a row. It is also worth asking where all the Carbon Dioxide in the oil and gas originally came from, no where else other than from the atmosphere. So in other words all we are doing is re-cycling the Carbon Dioxide back to where it came from in the first place.

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## **The Club in English Society – from Neville Bramhall**

How many of us give a thought to that phenomenon of English society - the Club. Very few other countries have such a developed club system in their culture as the English -- not even the Scots, Welsh, or Irish and certainly not further afield

It was in the 18th Century that the growth of clubs burgeoned amongst the growing middle class culture of the coffee houses and under the influence of such great literary figures as Johnson, Addison, Pope and the like. It was the Age of Reason - an age of pungent wit and satire when journals such as The Tatler and The Spectator flourished, and were perhaps more intellectual than Punch and Private Eye today.

In a celebrated article in The Spectator in 1710 Addison wrote :

"We take all occasions to form ourselves into those little nocturnal assemblies commonly known as clubs. We meet once or twice a week. I know a market town where there is a club of fat men that come together to entertain one another with sprightliness and wit. This club, though it consisted of but fifteen persons, weighed above three tons".

In Addison's London there were street clubs in which the members met for conversation every night. For the most part, however, he continued :

"Our modern clubs are founded upon eating and drinking, which are points on which most men agree, and in which the learned and illiterate, the dull and the airy, the philosopher and the buffoon can all bear a part. When men are thus knit together by a love of society and not by a spirit of faction, there may be something very useful in these little institutions"

Rotary Clubs were still two centuries away when Addison wrote this article but since then many tens of thousands of clubs have been formed in these islands, covering just about every form of human activity. Those currently listed in Whitaker's Almanac cover about fifty pages. Many other countries have followed suit but without such proliferation as here. Man is a gregarious creature naturally, but never more so than in the United Kingdom.

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<b>Club Diary:</b>		Host:	Steward:
<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>		<b>NEW GENERATIONS MONTH</b>	
Thu	02 Sep 10	Club Council, 7:30 pm. At John Sayer's home	
Sun	05 Sep 10	D1210 Disabled Sports Fun Day - Staffs University Sports Centre	
Mon	06 Sep 10	District Council Meeting	
Mon	06 Sep 10	Business meeting	John Hemmings
Mon	13 Sep 10	Mike Williamson – "Global Warming"	(himself) Tim Joyce
Wed	15 Sep 10	Inner Wheel meeting – Katrina Capey (Ron's grand-daughter) – Her trip to Uganda.	
Mon	20 Sep 10	RYLA 2010 students (TBC)	TBA Phil Leason
Mon	27 Sep 10	D7030 (Caribbean) GSE Team presentation	Bryan Pickering Neil & Will
<b>OCTOBER 2010</b>		<b>VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH</b>	
Mon	04 Oct 10	Business meeting	TBA
08 – 10 Oct 2010		District Conference - Southport	
Mon	11 Oct 10	Ann Murray – "3 Good Things, the Secret of happiness"	TBA TBA
Thu	14 Oct 10	District Quiz – First Round (venue TBA)	
Mon	18 Oct 10	Prof Hilary Hurd - "Malaria"	TBA TBA
Mon	25 Oct 10	Sue Wiper – "Trentham Monkey Park" (inc. Ladies)	TBA TBA
<b>and beyond ...</b>			
<b>NOVEMBER 2010</b>		<b>FOUNDATION MONTH</b>	
Mon	01 Nov 10	Business meeting	TBA
Mon	08 Nov 10	David Smith – "Genital Autonomy"	TBA TBA
Mon	15 Nov 10	Fraser Dukes – Polio Eradication Update	Bryan Pickering TBA
Mon	22 Nov 10	Scatter Night (to be confirmed)	
Mon	29 Nov 10	Mrs E Davies – "Being a guide at a NT property"	John Hemmings TBA
Sat	04 Dec 10	Tree of Light collection (1)	
Sun	05 Dec 10	Santa Sleigh collection (1)	

**Stewards Duties** include: Putting a few banners on each table. Collecting meal monies and then passing to the (acting) Hon Treasurer. Ensuring members sign the "wheel". Greeting visitors and inviting them to sign the Visitor's Book. Selling raffle tickets. Giving Grace. Putting the banners and wheel away after the meeting.

**Club Lottery:**

The monthly £25 prize goes to the holder of the number that matches the Bonus Ball of the last Saturday draw of the month. If no member has that number – the club retains the money!

The winning number for the August 2010 draw was **27** – the winner: **the Club**

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