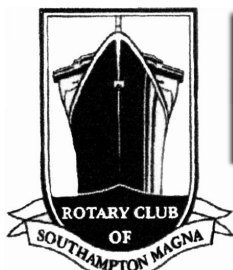




Welcome to  
President Mike



# Magnalink

July 2011

Once again July arrives and with it a new broom with new ideas, new plans and new hopes. Mike has his opening words...

“Welcome to the first issue of Magnalink. My thanks go to Shaun for dreaming this up, please make sure you send him information about the events you are planning or other Clubs’ activities that you think we should know about. 3 weeks and one meeting into my year, it is too soon to tell what I feel about being President; perhaps in issue 3 or 4! I hope that the Club will have a good year and Council will support those of you currently involved in setting up the range of events that are planned. There are still some events that need volunteers, so please consider your contribution to the life of the Club.” ... Mike

Our new president has decided to hold his Presidents do in Normandy, and very sensibly asking Bill E for assistance. Can't think why he would ask Bill!

Upcoming events include the Rotary Haskins Evening at Haskins Garden Centre with members from Group 6 clubs, Christmas Dinner at the

Novotel with Greg School Choir and our usual high quality home grown entertainment and of course a proper singer. Burns Night - yet to be finalised and our own 30th Anniversary Dinner which will be a combined charity do as well.

Charity fund raising projects include our favourites - Wine Tasting at Stoneham Golf Club, the New Forest Car Run in the New Forest with our European competitors and the usual Sainsbury's Tin Shake. I expect other events will occur as and when. We also have our continuing school & young people programs at Greggs School and Woodland School, Naish Farm holidays will be supported together with Shoeboxes and Kids Out. New projects on the agenda are 'Young Chef' 'Youth Speaks' and mentoring for the 'Ambassadorial Scholar'.

Speaker Seeker Brian K has some really exciting speakers for this year. One speaker will tell us how he swims for 2.4 miles, rides a bike for 112 miles and then runs 26 miles all within 17 hours! Apparently he enjoys it. Another will swim to the Island, run around it, then swim back!!!. Brian also has some normal speakers lined up.

Syndicate suppers are coming back, watch out for that tap on the shoulder from Chris L. You have been warned...

Up Close And Personal...

Island Walk..... From David B "A team of 11 of us are off to the Island for 3 days walking on 24th August. We are staying at the HF Holidays Hotel at Freshwater Bay. The plan is for our legs to take up the river Yar, over Tennyson Down to the Needles Battery, to Alum Bay, along the coast to Yarmouth, to visit Niton and go over the South Eastern Downs into Ventnor and along the coast to Shanklin. All in two and a half days, but with the walks designed for walkers of all abilities. Should be fun."

The Magnalink is aimed at informing Magna members and their partners of forthcoming events. When finished with the Magnalink, please pass it on to non members with a view to letting them know what Magna (and Rotary) is all about.

Don't Bin It - Give It

**Rotary Wessex...**Richard M has promised to keep us all up to date with the latest gossip and forthcoming news from District.

**Group 6...**Congratulations to Peter H who takes over as chairman of Group 6. He will be keeping us up to date with all the news and gossip from our Group 6.

**Magna Ladies...**Lorna C continues organising Magna Ladies. Probably not a lot of gossip, but loads of information on future events to pass on to our ladies.

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