



Anita Lannen

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Buckingham

Anita is a 30 year old Beauty Therapist and has been married for six years. She lives and works in Buckingham.

After leaving school she went to college where she successfully passed a Btec Course in Business and Finance. She then went on to study Beauty Therapy.

Anita runs a busy salon with three treatment rooms and employs 4 Beauty Therapists and a Reflexologist.

She has been an active member of the Rotaract Club in Buckingham for 9 years holding Presidency twice and was on the District 1260 Committee in 1997/98.

Her hobbies include renovating old houses, swimming, meeting people and eating out. Although she is now too old for Rotaract she still supports the club in their charity and community work when help is needed. Anita feels that GSE is a wonderful opportunity to build a lifetime of new friendships and experience a different culture. She hopes that she will benefit vocationally by sharing the problems and advantages of running a busy salon with other salon owners. She hopes to bring back new experiences to share with her staff and ideas that will extend her own business expertise.

ABOUT DISTRICT 1260



District 1260 is a compact District of 51 clubs formed by the division, in July 1985, of District 1090. The oldest club is Watford, chartered in 1924.

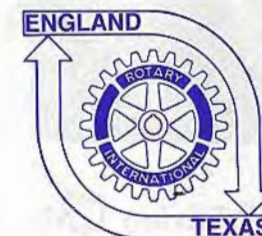
The territory of District 1260 straddles the suburbs of north and north-west London, with clubs in the counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. It's ideally situated for a Group Study Exchange visit, being well served by airports, including London Heathrow, and rail, with most of the large towns in the District having a fast train service to the heart of London. There are several major road networks in the area, including Britain's first motorway, the M1, and the latest, the M25, which encircles London.

Within close travelling distance of the District are the university cities of Oxford and Cambridge and the historic towns of Windsor, Stratford-upon Avon, and Warwick. There is a wide spread and prosperous employment base, and leisure activities and sport are well catered for, through various clubs and sports centres.

The countryside is also rich in history, and to a considerable extent forms what is termed London's Green Belt - a rural area which, as it's name implies, serves to stop the spread of London, so preserving farmland and providing town dwellers with a means of outdoor activity.

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Rtn Meirion L Morris
Team Leader

Meirion was born in 1937 in South Wales of farming/mining stock. He left school in 1956 and trained to be a teacher. After qualification he moved to London where he taught for four years during which time he met Jasmine and they were married in 1962. They have two children - Julian who is in the Police force specialising in ICT, and Annabel who is an administrator and web builder for a multinational pharmaceutical company. Both are happily married and have produced three lovely granddaughters. Jasmine is a lecturer in child education and the current President of Hertford Shires Rotary Club.

After working in London for four years he moved to Hertfordshire and became a Headteacher in 1970. During this time he obtained further qualifications at Cambridge and London Universities. In 1980 he was appointed Headteacher of a large school in North London where he remained until retirement in 1998. He now works as a consultant adviser specialising in performance management.

He joined Hoddesdon Rotary Club in 1982 and was President in 1992/93. He has held various Club and District offices and was District GSE Chairman in 1998. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1996 for services to Interact.



Leigh Stoddart
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chesham

Leigh is 33 years old and lives in Chesham, Buckinghamshire with her 4-year old son Harry. She works for the Buckinghamshire N.H.S. Trust as a Risk Manager.

Leigh was originally from Newcastle-upon-Tyne where she was brought up and also did her degree in Psychology & English Literature. After University Leigh moved to the Midlands where she had her first real job as a 'Buyer' in the car industry and where she also completed a post-graduate Diploma in Management Studies.

She joined the NHS in 1990 as a 'Quality Facilitator' and since then has had several roles in quality and risk management. Her current post includes responsibility for managing clinical negligence litigation, complaints, incident reporting, clinical and non-clinical risk and quality improvement. Most of her free time is spent with Harry, but she also enjoys reading, politics, current affairs, dining out, badminton, swimming and many outdoor pursuits such as hill walking and skiing.

She is very excited by the opportunities that this trip will present. From a vocational point of view she hopes to learn more about how risk and litigation is managed in US healthcare. From a personal point of view she is looking forward to doing something completely different, going to a new place, meeting new people and generally taking some 'time out' from her everyday life.



Dominic Munro-McCarthy
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Luton North

Dominic is 26 years of age, single, and works and lives in Luton, Bedfordshire. Dominic is a Fundraiser for a Hospice Charity and this involves raising funds from statutory organisations, business, individuals and charitable trusts and this is achieved through Public Relations, Advertising, Marketing and Event Management.

Dominic has been in Luton for 6 years and in this time attended The University of Luton where he studied BA (Hons) Public Policy & Management. As a student he took an interest in student life and joined the Raise and Give Committee where he raised funds for a number of charities. The highlight of this was a fire walk held in the grounds of the student union bar. Over 30 people took part including Dominic who walked barefoot over 18ft of burning hot coals without burning his feet! Dominic was born in the Whittington Hospital, Highgate, London (Dick Whittington being the 15th Mayor of London) and spent his young years a short walk from Hampstead Heath (very famous heath land in the heart of London) and adjacent to Highgate Cemetery, resting place to Karl Marx. Dominic is a keen musician and plays the guitar and takes regular exercise with a swim each day before work.



Philip Waite
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stevenage Grange

Phil is 26 years old and lives in Hertford. He is a Christian and works as a Police Officer.

He was born in Basildon, Essex, and lived in the neighbouring town of Billericay with his family until 1996. He attended a secondary school in Billericay until 1992 when he left and started a 3 year degree course in the Geography Discipline of Urban Studies at the University of North London. Graduating with an upper second class honours degree in 1995 he worked briefly for the Metropolitan Police as a 'Civilian Gaoler' based in South London. This job gave him a good insight into policing and in March 1996 he was appointed as a constable with the Hertfordshire Constabulary. Phil has been stationed in Stevenage ever since, where he works on uniform police duties as a response car driver. He is an active member of a local Christian community church and in his limited spare time enjoys cycling and assisting his dad in restoring a vintage bus, which he owns. He hopes that this visit will broaden both her personal and professional horizons and give him an insight in US policing techniques.