

# Reveille

## Presidential Newsletter No 4. January 2008.



I wish you all a happy, healthy and successful 2008. I hope you had a great Christmas and Santa did not disappoint you.

The Club had a very good 2007 with our two successful musical concerts and another great Charter Night. It was a real privilege to present the Paul Harris Fellowship award to three deserving Rotarians, Gerry, Mike and Peter. We also saw the school project in Kenya successfully completed with our twinned Club in Langley, Canada. With Tom Johnson pulling out all the stops to get the generator to our other African Project in Liberia in time for Christmas. Well done Tom. Not forgetting the over 70's Christmas lunch. All those who came had a super time. Thanks to Tony Leach and Jim Linihan for putting it all together.

Thanks for all the hard work you all put into the Christmas Sleigh and the collection at Asda. Though a little down on last year it was still very close to the £7000 and great credit to the Club, well done!

So what's on for 2008? Well there is the President's Evening on 1<sup>st</sup> March and David Beesley is planning one his great funding raising do's (though he is keeping it to himself at the moment). We are also going to be more involved with our local schools and have already made contact with the right people.

Of course there are always down sides and ours is the loss of Classic Caterers who have served us well in the past. We hope to resolve this little problem before this is published.

I look forward to the next 6 months as your President and Ron Mollard's year as President in this our 75th year. I know he has great things planned.

Stand Easy, Tony Sprason.



In perfect (almost) unison

Around 250 people were right well looked after at the Christmas Party at the Civic Hall in December. Grateful thanks must go to Tony Leach for pulling the whole thing together and to all who helped.



Pictured above are President Tony, Ambassadorial Scholar Lisa Goto from Japan, Walkden Rotarian Bill Shepherd, Guest of the Club Jack Heathcote and Walkden President Rotarian Arthur Critchley

Editor's note. Yes, I know that President Tony has already mentioned the Sleigh and that it's nearly halfway through the year and that you are all sick of the Sleigh but....I have to thank all those members personally who put themselves out in the run up to Christmas, turning out for extra nights on the Sleigh and spending hours getting the beast going and fit for duty in the evening, and filling in for absentees at Asda. You know who you are and I thank you. The Sleigh is just about our biggest money earner during the year and it's continued success depends on you, the members. Keep it up, Guys! Ed.

Diary.

**New dates. Council Jolly. Tues 12 Feb. Annual General Meeting now on Mon 21st April 08.**

1.3.08. President's Evening. Brightmet Golf Club. Final details to follow.

**Revised date.** Club Assembly is now on 2nd June 2008. Put it in your diary.