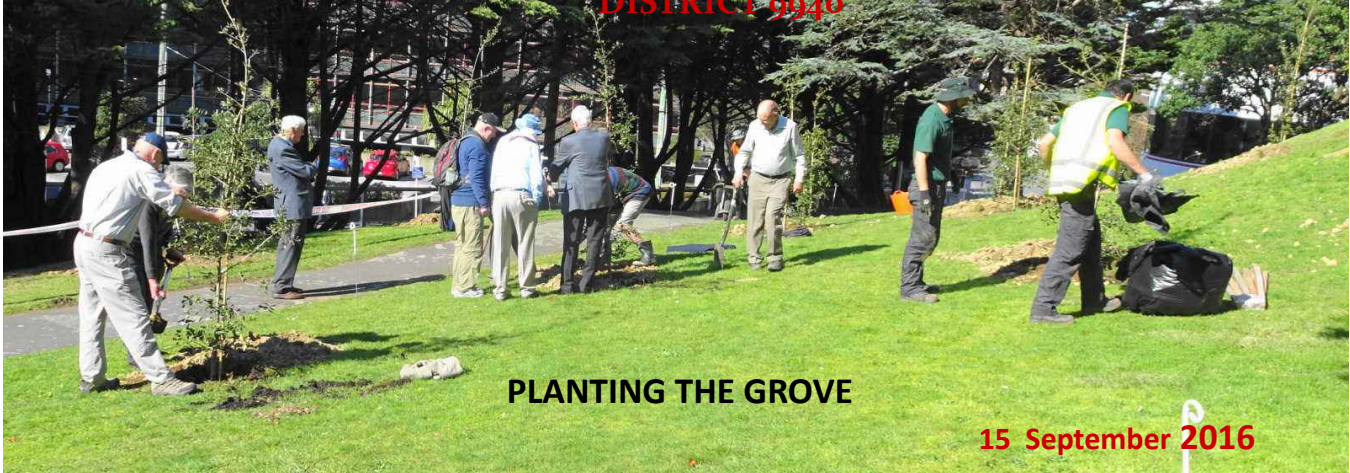




THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



PLANTING THE GROVE

15 September 2016

**Weekly Meeting Thursday
Wellington Bridge Club
17 Tinakori Road
Noon for 12:25 PM**

22 September

**Indranil Chakravarty
Victoria University
Shakespeare in India**

Introduced by	<i>Alan Fraser</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Lionel Nunns</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Stephen Spence</i>
Bring a Friend	<i>David Barnes</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Michael Gorman</i>
Attendance	<i>Grant Hassall</i>
Fellowship	<i>David King</i>
Tables	<i>Colin Lawton</i>
AV	<i>Maurice Scott</i>

29 September

**Peter Clough
Airport Runway Economics**

Introduced by	<i>Tony Fryer</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Rory O'Connor</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Paul Tipping</i>
Bring a Friend	<i>Laurie Bond</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Phil Greene</i>
Attendance	<i>Pat Helm</i>
Fellowship	<i>Ian Kennedy</i>
Tables	<i>Bob Laybourn</i>
AV	<i>Sandy Brucesmith</i>

**Apologies and guests advise
rotary@kaysan.co.nz
by 10 A.M. Wednesday**

TODAY

President David Bennett welcomed honorary member Peter Spearman. We learnt that Terry Dykes is overseas and may not return before the end of November.

Graeme Waters said that tree planting had started for the grove and members to attend after lunch and lend a hand or watch.

Maurice Manttan said the blood testing day this year would be Saturday 1 October. We will provide a team at the railway station again and he will be seeking volunteers for a morning and for an afternoon shift shortly.



David King told us that today is Free Money day. Some woke up at this but knowing that David is an accountant there was no surprise to learn that he envisaged this to mean money flowing freely from us to him. Yes he was hunting the happy. Morris has sold his house and is to Christmas in London. Rory O'Connor is disposing of his furniture. Peter Spearman was happy to be present.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016/17

Your board has agreed to hold these at the same level of \$275 for the current year. They are now due.

Please pay on line to the Rotary Club of Wellington North. Our account is 03-0518-0023645-00 Enter your surname and the word subscription so we know it is you.

If you can not do this please send your cheque to PO Box 22368 Khandallah. Receipts will be available if the bank record does not serve your needs..

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Paul Tipping Battle of Britain



Morris Robertson introduced Paul Tipping in the Kermit style of leaving it to the speaker to provide details. Members who heard Paul speak recently about his career serving NZ in assorted Spanish speaking countries know something of his life and also that he is a good speaker.

Paul said that there was no mystery about his topic today as it is the anniversary of the British victory in the Battle of Britain that put an end to Hitler's planned Operation Sea Lion which was to invade Britain. The mystery was why he was chosen to speak as his only connection with the event was that his father was in the RAF but took no part in the fighting as at 27 he was considered too old for a combat role and spent the war training pilots.

Nonetheless Paul gave an informative and interesting account of the strategic situation leading to the battle, the tactics used and the outcomes for both sides. Following his talk Peter Spearman recalled his memories of the time. He was then a 14 year old schoolboy living a little north of London. Rory O'Connor was six and his family was bombed out of two houses in London. He recalled wearing his gas mask and being put in the back of a truck with other children and a gas being pumped in to see if the masks worked,

Maurice Manttan offered a professional appraisal of Paul's address saying he had sat through many lectures about the battle of Britain but Paul gave the best and fairest description he had heard.

John Mohi proposed a vote of thanks.



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR POTENTIAL LEADERS

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a five-day programme for potential leaders, between the ages of 18 and 24. It is a Programme run by Rotary throughout the world. All participants are sponsored in full. In district 9940 RYLA is run at the Silverstream Retreat, Wellington from 25-29 January 2017. Nominations are required.

Applicants Register interest at

<http://www.ryla9940.co.nz/apply-now>

<<http://www.wellingtonnorth.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Ryla.jpg>>

Enquiries to Bob Laybourn 04 3897516.

PARTING THOUGHT

If the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for
a thousand years, men will still say,
This was their finest hour.

- *Winston Churchill*

-from Lionel Nunns via Graeme Waters

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