

Dear Benefactor,

Please find attached information on our upcoming annual Dinner. This year we are holding it at the Royal Berkshire Hotel on **22nd October**. They have been very generous to the Day Centre and given us a fantastic price. We had a lovely time last year at the Berystede, and this year promises to be even better. Unfortunately I messed up the arrangements with Tom O'Connor and he sends his apologies, for he is already booked for the 22nd - this is entirely my fault not his.

We had a great evening last Friday, with supper at the Watermill Theatre, Newbury, and a brilliant production of 'Hot Mikado'. It was very funny, with an immensely talented cast. Everyone could sing, act and dance – even tap-dance! - and the entire cast played several instruments in every 20th C style, incl. gospel, jazz and R&B. I'm sure G&S would have been delighted that their work is in such good hands. I'm afraid that those of you who couldn't join us missed a really special evening.

Well, the monies we have raised for the Day Centre are really going a long way. We need to keep the Day Centre running day-to-day, since over 50% of the costs of the Day Centre are met by donations. However we have been able to help with the funding of two long-awaited projects which have made a huge difference to the Day Centre. We have installed a new stand-alone disabled loo, and made desperately-needed improvements to the ladies loo. Also the members' chairs were all old and almost all not fit-for-purpose. We negotiated an excellent deal to replace them and they have already been delivered. They make a huge difference to the comfort and well-being of the members, and the Day Centre looks so attractive and welcoming. Please ring Jackie (624923) and visit at any time!

After our annual dinner our next event in support of the Day Centre is Rotary's Annual New Year's Day Wheelbarrow Race, and we have our regular dinner at the Jade Fountain in January.

Thank you for your continued support of the Day Centre, and I hope to see you at our events, they are always good fun.

Best Regards,

Geoff Donovan