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July 31st 2013

This week's meeting was a 'fellowship' meeting with ten pin bowling at Westgate, followed by dinner at Origins. It was great opportunity to meet our IYE student Vincent, and his host mother Cat. We also



welcomed back Patrick and Bob from their overseas jaunts, and farewelled Roger who's off to USA for a month.

After some practice rounds, it was all eyes on the score board and the competition began. Linda had some good tips for Kerry, while Craiger



appeared to need a little divine intervention before he bowled ... and Domenic and Derek got down to the serious business of ball selection!



Noel "Mr Speedy" eventually won the game, closely followed by Sheena and Craiger.... and Patrick was in fine form too!



Cecille (our IYE student last year) has been in touch: An abbreviated form of her letter follows:

I'm on "holidays" since end of June. So it's really nice because I can rest for the first time since I've started uni in September. (Unfortunately we don't have 2 weeks of breaks after our first exams session like in NZ).

I can't rest too much though, because I still have a few exams to take again. This first year at uni was quite difficult for me. I took my time to find marks in my flat in Brussels but also back at home, in my new life. I was coming back every friday evening and getting back to Brussels every Sunday evening. Sometimes I didn't wanna get back to Brussels and wished to stay a bit longer with my family. At the end of March I had a period during which I felt completely lost. I decided then not to come back so often at home anymore. And it helped me very much!

The year was also difficult because I didn't know when I had to study for my courses or when I had to work on my projects. It's really hard, because from one day to the other your teacher can tell you that your project doesn't work and that you have to start again. Then all the work you've been doing for 3 weeks is gone! Sometimes it's really discouraging !

Every year, we're spending a few days in the North of France (Nord Pas de Calais) where we're walking on the beach during the whole day. Generally we're going there the last weekend before the school begins (1st of September). It's a very nice place and for us it marks the end of the holidays and the beginning of a new year of school. This year though, we've decided to stop to Ypres on our way to the beach. This is the last bit of Belgium which resisted to the German army during the WW1. You and I have seen a documentary about this at the Museum for Anzac Day. As it'll be the 100th anniversary of the WW1, my father wanted to go there before. Otherwise there will be too many people.

Last week, I went to a festival with my sister and my best friend. It's a French speaking festival. Bands from Belgium, France and Canada, known or not, are coming here in Spa for 5 days. It's really interesting. It's a good way to discover new bands and you meet so many people! It was the first year I went but I really enjoyed it and I think I'll come back next year. The last day of the festival was the 21st of July was our national day. This year though was a special day. It was the 20th anniversary of your king's reign. The same day he abdicated and let his son govern at his place. So now we have a new king! King Philippe !!

Best Wishes Cecille

August is 'Membership and extension month': Please give some thought to who you're going to invite along, and introduce as a potential member during the month!

DATES to REMEMBER:

AUGUST 7th - is Club Projects night - come along and be ready to share your ideas

AUGUST 14TH - is "Westie Wednesday" - get your costumes organised as there will be a prize for the Best Male and Best Female 'Westie' and our speaker for the night will be from the Foundation for Youth Development

AUGUST 22ND AND 29TH : Trees for Survival - all volunteers welcome, you just need gumboots, a raincoat, some energy and a spade! Come along and make a fun day of it (see website for details)

TRIVIAL PURSUIT EVENING - Watch this space as we're hoping to make this a really special event. More details closer to the event, but start getting your table of eight together now!

Date: Wednesday 7th August	Club Projects Night
Meeting Manager	Derek
Sergeant	Mike / Domenic
Speaker	Sheena, Kerry, Craiger, Domenic
Greeter	
Grace	Bob
Squire 1	Patrick
Squire 2	Kerry
Thanker	
Parting Thought	Sheena