



The October Diary

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Classification &
Membership Committee
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9th Foundation Committee
11th Rotary Lunch
15th Sport & Entertainment
Committee
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25th Rotary Lunch

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Dhesi's Diary for September

On Friday 6th September District Governor Frank Quinn was the guest speaker and his wife Ros also attended along with Cherwell Rotary joint President Tony Carney as a guest at the lunch. Governor Frank Quinn gave a passionate presentation about the importance of recruiting new members and all clubs to at least recruit one new member.



He also said that District was there to support clubs with PR or media services and played a video clip about the training he attended with a powerful speech from President elect Mark David Maloney from the Club of Decatur Alabama USA. President Maloney addressed "Rotary members to connect the world by allowing talented, thoughtful and generous people to unite and take meaningful action. Through Rotary we connect to the

incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing forging deep and lasting ties in a pursuit of a common goal."

On Sunday 15th it was the Battle of Britain parade with air cadets, sea cadets, army cadets and veterans who with civic leaders, local service clubs, Community Leaders and Banbury Town Mayor, Cllr John Colegrave, joined in the procession. It was a very hot day and there was a flyover by a Spitfire Aeroplane watched by local people near the Banbury Cross. Rotarian President Surinder Dhesi, First Vice Rotarian David Richardson and Rotarian Maurice Humphries attended. A Community Police officer, when she saw our First Vice, wanted to take a picture and said she was going to put it on their Community Page. First, he gets mistaken for the Mayor of the Cotswolds at a Ladies Inner Wheel function and now a Police Community Officer wants his picture.



On Friday 20th September Long Serving Member, Rotarian Phil Cavill, gave a very interesting talk about his life and how he grew up in a loving relationship with his parents and grandparents and the interesting life of his father in the Navy and the instrumental part he played in the Second World War. Phil talked about how he rose through the ranks of Retail and was in charge of about 40 staff,

how he met the love of his life, Di, and that he was very proud to have served as Banbury Rotary President in 2014/15.



On September 27th Charles Atkinson gave an interesting talk about the world of horse racing. The fascinating insight of how the Monarchs of the country have a fascination for the sport and how the Queen has a special relationship with the sport.



He explained the different roles played by stable hands, horse owners and syndicates, the thrill of

the win, the short vulnerable life of the jockeys and some of the challenges they face keeping their body weight down.

On 28th September Banbury Rotary Club organised a fund raising event at St. Mary's Church, Banbury with six of the best singing groups in Banburyshire to raise money for Helen and Douglas House and End Polio Now.



The participating groups were Banbury Operatic Society, Warriner Choral Society, Banbury Rock Choir, Impromptu, Banbury Choral Society and the Milltown Singers.

Helen and Douglas House is a hospice for children and it is a home from home for the young people and to make them feel as comfortable as possible and is specially designed for the needs of young people. Next year in the London Marathon Helen and Douglas House have been allocated places and if anyone is interested in participating in the London Marathon and raising money for a well deserving cause please contact Helen and Douglas House on their website.

Ed Any volunteers for a Rotary team?

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years and they have made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Rotary has helped to reduce polio cases by more than 99.9 per cent. It is crucial to eliminate Polio from the last two countries where it remains endemic and keep other Countries Polio free.

Rotarian Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Surinder Dhesi attended the Event and "It was a great evening with brilliant songs and the talent from all the choirs was breathtaking and we raised money for two

worthwhile causes Helen and Douglas House and End Polio Now."

President Surinder Dhesi

Speaker Reports

Bob Langton – Tooley's Boatyard and Banbury Museum Development Plan



On 14th September, Mr Bob Langton, who is Chairman of the Trustees of Banbury Museum, talked to the club about the museum and its connection with Tooley's Boat Yard.

He told us that he felt that Banbury could become a centre of culture based around the museum and the Mill where there are now much more comfortable seats. The museum has useful links with several other museums and this has helped in putting on special exhibits in the new gallery.

Bob Langton has been fortunate in building up a very good body of trustees with differing skills and they have been successful in developing and enlarging the museum without recourse to any Lottery Funding. When the new extension was launched one of the trustees was able to use his influence to have this held in the White Tower at the Tower of London.

There have been a great number of visits and many educational sessions and the speaker believes that Castle Quay Two will be a further benefit both to the museum and Tooley's Boatyard.

Tooley's is the oldest boatyard on the canal system still operating. It is run by Matthew Arnold, at present at a loss but there are plans afoot which

should turn it around financially. There is a separate board of trustees and Timothy West is the Patron. Thanks to help from Sir Tony Baldry and Victoria Prentis MP, charitable status has been obtained and a 150 year lease is to be granted by Cherwell District Council. Bob Langton feels that interest in Tooley's and the visitor numbers can be increased and he has high hopes for the future.

Rtn. Maurice Humphris

Rotary Projects Updates

Sierra Leone

Esther's School toilet block

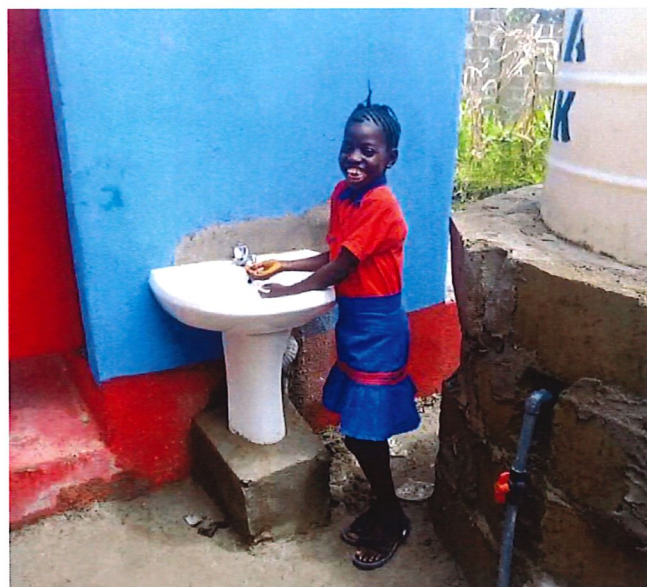
Schools in Sierra Leone re-opened this week. I am pleased to report that, with a lot of hard work by the local builders, they completed the new toilet block late on Sunday afternoon just in time for the start of the new term. Most of the children didn't know what was being built, so it was a great surprise to them when they went back on Monday.

Some children & parents checking out the toilets



The Rotary District Grant was only received in early August so the actual building project has only taken 5 weeks. The aim was to try and have it ready for the new term and we achieved that goal.

The school has over 100 pupils and prior to this they had NO toilets at all. The building houses 3 toilet cubicles and also includes a basic rain water harvesting system so rain from the roof is stored and feeds a hand washing facility as well. The facilities are very basic but they are a major step forward for the entire school community.



Her smile says it all !

I have just received this "thank you" via e-mail:

We want to say a big thank you and register our appreciation for the work well done on developing the toilet block. We hope that this relationship will continue between us and you will ever remain to be remembered in the history of Esther's School. Please extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all your supporters who have made this possible. Once more we say thanks for making our dream a reality - God bless you all - from the proprietor, teachers, pupils, parents and the entire community

To undertake and complete these last 2 projects in a relatively short space of time is down to the hard work of the local builders who wanted to get the facilities in place as soon as possible for the benefit of their local communities. The projects have only been possible with the aid of a Rotary District Grant and the tremendous ongoing support from my network of supporters - thanks.

So, what's next on the Sierra Leone agenda?

I am about to release the first tranche of money to enable the start of building a 3-cubicle toilet block with water harvesting and handwashing facilities at Kunduma. At the moment I only have sufficient funds to dig the pit, build and install the toilets so water harvesting will be done as phase 2. The school is aware of this but are more than happy that in a relatively short space of time they will at least have the first toilets at the school.

Rtn. Alan Wolstencroft

Weekly Meeting Duties for October & November 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
04 Oct	N Yeadon I Anthistle A Bedding J Bennett S Bion M Budd	G Anker H Braisby	R Worrall	S Jakeman
11 Oct	J Bond B Cornley J Donaldson M Douglas A Fairbairn S Faulkner	P Cavill M Nutt	B Goodchild	R Kipping
18 Oct	N Halfpenny J Hansford C Hughes G Jeremy K Manning H Morris	J Groves T Iles	P Gardiner	A Ilott
25 Oct	M Phillips N Randall M Recchia P Richardson F Riches I Rodrick	J Meredith G Pollard	T Bryce	A Wiltshire
01 Nov	A Warren J Webb A Wolstencroft E Woodruff R Worrall N Yeadon	P Thomas R Thompson	J Smith	I Calderbank
08 Nov	I Anthistle R Barnett J Bennett J Bond J Brodey T Bryce	A Bedding S Bion	G Anker	S Crump

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15 Nov	M Budd G Coates J Donaldson M Douglas A Fairbairn P Gardiner	P Cavill N Deakin	B Cornley	D Hitchcox
22 Nov	Fellowship Meeting	J Groves R McLean	B Goodchild	A Ilott
29 Nov	5 th Friday	T Iles I Rodrick	R Kipping	M Humphris

PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are unable to carry out your duties as shown above, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and amend the list. This applies to all duties, including table duties.

Speaker Programme for October & November

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
04 Oct	Jane Rogers	Extinction Rebellion	Nigel Deakin
11 Oct	Ian Charles	400 years of Family Roots in Banbury	David Hitchcox
18 Oct	Cymon Snow	TEDx	Bernard Goodchild
25 Oct	Andrew Fairbairn	Ascent via Ferrata	Ian Calderbank
01 Nov	Karen Newman	Syrian Refugee Families	Andrew Fairbairn
08 Nov	Neil Urquhart	My Kayaking Journey	
15 Nov	Rotary SGM		
22 Nov	Fellowship Meeting		
29 Nov	Pamela Hayton	Friends Against Scam	