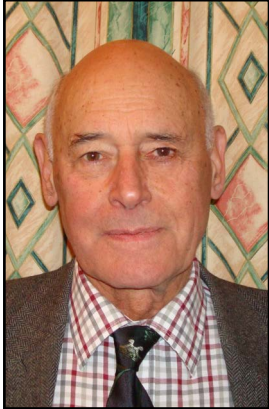




Sad passing of two notable Rotarians



Rotarian Tony Brace, chief executive of Cherwell District Council from 1973 - 1991 has died, aged 90. Banbury Rotary Club president Surinder Dhesi said: "Tony was deservedly regarded by many as a wise elder statesman whose advice could always be relied upon. He served and led several committees in Rotary. He was President of the club in 1990-91 and was a keen, regular attender at contact visits of Rotary Clubs in

Europe and at Rotary District Conferences."

Tony was born in Crickhowell and having spent his working life in Local Government he came to Banbury from Bicester Urban Council in 1974 as Chief Executive of the newly formed Cherwell District Council, he had the task of building the new Council out of the former small authorities.

He joined Banbury Rotary Club in 1979 and he was already a member of a Lodge of Freemasons in Bicester. Though these were by no means his only social and service interests he nonetheless achieved national roles and honours in at least two branches of Freemasonry. This did not stop him from becoming and continuing to be a fully committed and first class member of Banbury Rotary Club.

Whilst he was building up Cherwell District Council, he was also Patron of Banbury Operatics Society and President of the Volunteer Bureau. He still found time to play golf and his DIY work was of a near professional standard in several trades, he even built an extension on the family home at 72 Oxford Rd. Following his retirement he not only maintained his community interests, but he extended them, working at Katharine Hospice. He and Mavis had been married for over 65 years, but they had known their share of sadness, as over 35 years ago one of their sons, Andrew, died of cancer - a blow which was never far from their thoughts for either of them.

Sadly the last few years have been very hard with several spells in hospital, but throughout Tony had remained cheerful and positive showing great determination and courage.

He will long be remembered as a true gentleman and a wise, thoughtful and caring man. I am sure that all of us who had the pleasure and privilege of his friendship will remember him with affection as well as respecting the great man he was.

The Rotary Club of Banbury
Rotary International
Club no 19229 District 1090
President: Surinder Dhesi

Rotarian David Hitchcox, by Trevor Iles

'It was such a shock to hear of the sad news about David in March.

I am aware that all of you knew him well, but to me he was a very special friend. David and Ann and Jan and I have spent many occasions together not only at Rotary functions but many leisure functions enjoying music of all kinds and a few drinks on an evening at Middleton Cheney Social Club, amongst other events.

I know that I cannot do justice to him in a short resume but I will do my best to place on record the life, to me, of a remarkable man.

David was born in Banbury and within the sound of St Mary's church bells and considered himself a true Banburian. Throughout his life he has been very proud of that fact and most of you will have heard about his childhood and early years in the town.

He worked in retailing all his life employed

by a family firm from Northampton, W Ekins Ltd who had four shops in Banbury and also in Brackley and Northampton. He became manager of the Banbury shops and eventually became a director of the company. In 1988 the Ekins family retired and David and Ann took over part of the business supplying curtains and blinds.

During that time he became involved in the local community. He was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and later became for two years President of the Banbury Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the Mill management committee, where he was bar manager for a number of years. He also served on the committees of the North Oxon Technical College, the Nortec Training Agency and also became Chairman of the Banbury Crime Prevention Panel. He was also very keenly involved with Banbury Historical Society over many years and one suspects that this was the catalyst for his research into family trees.

Looking back, David



June 2020



became a close friend of the late Rotarian Jim Church and it was not long before Jim asked him if he would like to join Rotary. He joined the Club in 1983 and chaired several committees and assisted in many fund raising events over the years. However his contribution to Rotary has been extremely wide and varied. During his time in Rotary he has held most offices and not only within this club but for several years David was Assistant District Governor for White Zone, that being the northern area of the district. He became President of the Club for the year 2006/2007.

Following that exceptional year David would not rest on his laurels. If there was any job to be done he always volunteered. He took on the role of Bulletin editor, Treasurer (a few times) and many other roles. I must also mention the yearly contact clubs visits – he was a very keen participant. Outside of Rotary even fairly recently, David took on the major work for the Bluecoats Foundation.

Last year 2019, the Club recognised his outstanding contribution to the Club by awarding him a Paul Harris Fellowship of which was very proud.

In conclusion, it would be hard to find a better man that deserved the award.

Foundation - What's it all about?

It has been observed that the United States and Great Britain are two countries separated by a common language and this appears to be true regarding the word "Foundation". Had the Rotary Foundation been based in the UK it would no doubt have been called the Rotary "Charity". So, when we talk about the "Rotary Foundation" for us this means the "Rotary Charity".

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. Any club can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.

Where does our money go?

Each year, The Rotary Foundation gives \$70 million worth of grants to Rotary clubs throughout the world for humanitarian projects, vocational training and scholarships in Rotary's cause areas.

Ranging from small-scale, short term activities to large, international projects, Rotary grants strengthen global partnerships and provide sustainable and measurable benefits to communities.

Grants from The Rotary Foundation support over 1,000 projects every year.

The Foundation awarded \$86,677,399 in funding to 1,306 grants during fiscal year 2018.

Here is a breakdown of causes the grants supported.

Preventing disease	\$35,660,986
Providing clean water	\$18,761,791
Supporting education	\$10,998,136
Growing local economies	\$10,503,910
Saving mothers & children	\$7,204,677
Promoting peace	\$3,547,899

Global Grants

Global grants help Rotary Clubs and Districts carry out humanitarian projects with clubs or districts in other countries. The Rotary Foundation provides a 50% match of the club contributions and 100% match for the district contribution.

Examples of Global Grant Schemes

Equipping a neonatal intensive care unit in Brazil (Saving mothers and children)

Supporting Rotary Family Health Days in Uganda (Saving mothers and children)

Collecting donated human milk for new borns in the Philippines (Saving mothers and children)

Training young community leaders in Guatemala (Promoting peace)

Teaching peaceful problem-solving in Israel (Promoting peace)

Bringing clean water to public schools in Lebanon (Providing clean water)

Providing safe water for rural communities in Peru (Providing clean water)

Improving sanitation and hygiene training in Benin (Providing clean water)

Bringing basic sanitation to a remote village in Colombia (Providing clean water)

Improving literacy in Guatemala (Supporting education)

Providing equipment for indigenous farmers in Paraguay (Growing local economies)

Screening for breast cancer in Turkey (Fighting disease)

Fighting cervical cancer in rural Bangladesh (Fighting disease)

Taking cancer screening on the road in India (Fighting disease)

Improving health services in Nepal with a VTT (Fighting disease)

Bridging the health care gap in Mongolia with smartphones (Fighting disease)

Fighting malaria with mosquito nets in Venezuela (Fighting disease)

Mobilizing rural medical care in Mexico (Fighting disease)

Fighting dengue fever in Indonesia (Fighting disease)

District Grants

District Grants are awarded for projects that benefit local or international communities. Projects can be in partnership with other clubs or managed by a single club. In 2019/20 grants of up to £1,400 were awarded. The grant is matched by club funds and the amount depends on club giving to the Rotary Foundation.

In the Rotary year ending June 2018 District 1090 grants were made for 32 projects run by 23 clubs. 17 of these were for international projects and 15 for local projects.

In the Rotary year ending June 2019 District 1090 grants were made for 29 projects run by 24 clubs. 9 of these were for international projects and 20 for local projects.

Conclusion

This short report can only skim the surface of the many and excellent projects supported by us through our

contributions to the Rotary Foundation, and this good work can only continue by every Rotarian across the globe fulfilling our target contribution of \$100 per members per annum.

Let us live up to our motto "Service above Self" and ensure we all support **OUR CHARITY**.

Annual subs

It's that time of year again when I tell you the annual subscriptions are due on 1st July 2020 and if you pay by standing order it needs to be updated. If you don't pay by Standing Order please make a note in your diary.

The agreed subscription this year will be £121 (an increase of £1 over last year) so please will you ensure your Standing Order or Internet banking transfer is correct -it should be paid to Lloyds Bank, Account "Rotary Club of Banbury - General Fund", Sort Code 30 90 42 Number 00493323 with your name in the reference please. We need to receive all the subscriptions in time to pay our capitation and hopefully obtain a discount by the end of July.

In addition you may also want to donate to Rotary's Foundation Account which I am sure you all know about. This would be a charitable payment (Gift Aidable) and along with other charitable donations is payable into Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30 90 42, Account "Rotary Club of Banbury - Trust Fund" Number 00493986 again with your name in the reference please.

If you go into Lloyds to pay in cash or cheques please ensure you email or ring to tell me as the bank's statement entries for deposits don't have any details for the person paying in. If it's after Andrew takes over I will tell him.

I hope this is clear but if you have any questions please let me know.

Malcolm Dibb Hon Treasurer

Banbury Community Fridge with Yasmin Kaduji

Yasmin Kaduji joined club members at the Friday Lunchtime Zoom Meeting last month to give a short talk about the Banbury Community Fridge. She explained that it is situated at the Mosque on Merton Street in Grimsbury. It began when members of the Mosque community contacted Tesco to discuss how they could help address the issue of food waste from supermarkets. A partnership with Tesco began and Banbury Community Fridge was born. Since then links have been established with the Food Bank and the CAB. A Hygiene bank was also set up through a link with the Post Office.

Once the Pandemic resulted in lockdown the Community Fridge had to close. As people were no longer able to collect food, the organisers began creating food parcels and delivering these to people in need. At the height of the pandemic they were delivering 400 parcels a week. Once government food parcels were issued, the Fridge volunteers linked with the kitchen staff at Tudor Hall to support local Food Banks.

The work of the Community Fridge, alongside a number of other voluntary groups, to support our local community was recognised by a letter from the Queen and celebrated through reports in local media. To discover more about the Fridge visit their Facebook Page.

Yasmin's enthusiasm for the cause shone through her talk. What struck me as rather lovely was Yasmin's Facebook post in response to the recognition by the Queen: "Wow" Wasn't expecting that!"

Speaker Report for Rotary Bulletin by Fred Riches



Congratulations to the P.M. and Captain Tom Moore

Banbury Rotary Club would like congratulate Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his partner Carrie Symonds on the birth of their son, Wilfrid Lawrie Nicholas born on Monday 28th April.

Another great achievement was that of Captain Tom Moore who walked several miles around his garden because he wanted to raise £1000 in time for his 100th birthday celebrations for the NHS. In fact he raised over 30 million pounds for the NHS with donations from all over the world coming in to him in Bedfordshire. Captain Tom Moore is an amazing individual who has inspired many people with his great sense of humility and determination to reach his goal of fundraising. He will go down in history as one of our heroes who made a difference. We Salute Captain Tom Moore on his 100th Birthday and wish him a Happy, Healthy Birthday!

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On Friday 17th April the Rotary Club of Banbury held what will become known as its 'Historical First "Virtual" Club Meeting'.

The last of its weekly Friday Lunchtime Meetings before the onset of Covid-19 was on Friday 13th March. Just one day before, the Club had staged its first (and now only) Crocus Concert of 2020 at St Mary's Church. Students from North Oxfordshire and Wykham Park Academies presented a glorious potpourri of music – raising around £500 in aid of two causes - the Brodey Centre at the Horton and Polio Eradication.

Once social distancing and isolation began, Club Officers convened an 'Emergency Executive Committee' to take charge of business and keep members informed and involved. The Club Secretary proceeded to circulate minutes of the Executive's planning meetings, at which a system was drawn up for every member to be contacted weekly by another – through the Club's committee structure.

Within a couple of weeks, members

were gathering via the Internet at "Zoom" meetings and by the end of the first month the Club's first full virtual meeting – courtesy of Zoom - was called. The Club Secretary welcomed members and gave each an opportunity to greet other attendees before President Surinder Dhese outlined a number of support systems developed through local government departments. The Community Committee Chair then summarised the range of commitments undertaken by individual members as a response to the current crisis, both in their neighbourhoods and in response to government and NHS requests for community support assistance.

The Club Vice-President clarified the financial situation with regard to Rotary International support for Covid-19-related fundraising. – noting in particular the way infrastructures set up for Polio Eradication across the world (which had helped address the Ebola outbreak a few years ago) were set to offer effective support systems in the current developing crises.

It was announced that the Club had received £1000 from the Tour de Trigs Organising Committee specifically

to be used in connection with the infrastructure in place to help third world countries through the Covid19 pandemic. This is already en route to RFUK (Rotary Foundation Charity) via District 1090 (the district in which the two Banbury Clubs are situated).

The Club Treasurer then outlined opportunities for individual members to make voluntary donations in support of Covid-19-related charities through the Club.

The meeting closed with the usual toast "Rotary and Peace the World over" – offered with raised mugs of tea, coffee and the occasional wine- or beer-glass on members' laptop screens.

The main messages from the meeting were ones of mutual support, care and friendship, with an emphasis on the worldwide Rotary motto "Service before Self". In addition to members' personal commitments of time and energy, with regard to financial support the message was: "As a club, the intention is for aid to be targeted where it is considered it can be the most effective".

Fred Riches 24.04.2020

Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures - there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home decontamination services.

Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods and services from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

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your family, friends
and neighbours
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Prevent It.

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