



The May Diary

- 2nd Rotary Meeting*
- 7th Community & Vocational
Service Committee Meeting*
- 7th Sports and Entertainment
Committee Meeting*
- 9th Rotary Meeting*
- 10th District Assembly*
- 13th Inauguration of Town
Mayor*
- 14th Classification, Membership
& PR Committee Meeting*
- 14th Foundation Committee
Meeting*
- 16th Rotary Meeting*
- 16th-19th RYLA – Frank Wise
School*
- 17th Calendar Girls*
- 19th Party for the Blind and
Partially Sighted*
- 20th International Committee
Meeting*
- 21st Youth Service Committee
Meeting*
- 23rd Rotary Meeting*
- 28th Council Meeting*
- 29th-1st Contact Club*
- 30th Rotary 5th Friday - Contact*

Club Outing to Cosford RAF Museum



The Club Outing on 22nd April was attended by 13 members and partners. It was superbly organised by Nigel Yeadon and our thanks go to the Sports & Entertainment Committee for arranging a very interesting day.

RAF Cosford, along with Hendon, are the keepers of the country's aviation heritage and the history and traditions of the Royal Air Force. Housed in four buildings, Hangar 1 covers Transport & Training Aircraft and the Engine Collection. Our own qualified pilot, Ian Anthistle, gave a very knowledgeable explanation of the workings of a jet engine in language even I could understand.

Building two focused on the Cold War with a display of 3 nuclear bombers, the Valiant, Vulcan & Victor and the Missile Collection. There was a great exhibit of how post 2nd World War Europe, the Berlin Blockade and the Iron Curtain affected relations between East & West.

Refreshed by lunch it was good to see and read about the Warplanes housed in building three, Spitfire, Hurricane, Messerschmitt & Mitsubishi fighters and a collection of bombers including an Avro Lincoln and De Havilland Mosquito

Building Four had a great collection of test flight aircraft including the infamous TSR2 and the HS Harrier Jump Jet. For the brave there was a flight simulator and 4D Dog Fight Experience and an interactive centre.

An excellent visit, Nigel will be keeping up the high standards in the next Rotary year, so do make the effort to come along.

Phil Cavill

Last Night of the Rotary Proms



CBSO and Treorchy Male Voice Choir

This special event was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the British Association of Rotary Clubs (which became RIBI in 1921).

If you wanted to organise a celebration fit for the world's leading service club you would probably choose to have one of the world's leading orchestras, in one of the world's best purpose built symphony halls, and probably try and throw in one of the world's leading male voice choirs for good measure.

And that's exactly what 38 of us got on 11th April at the Birmingham Symphony Hall with their resident Symphony Orchestra, the CBSO, and the Treorchy Male Voice choir.

We were dropped just yards from the Hall door by our coach driver with time for a quick supper before the concert started.

A very varied but suitably British "Last Night of the Proms" theme got the audience in the mood and the conductor, Anthony Inglis, adopted a laissez faire approach to his classical music that befitted the evening of celebration and was appreciated by all.

This didn't prevent him spotting a timing error by the tenor singing "Rule Britannia" and his arm shot

out like lightning to drag the errant tenor back on track!

By the end of the evening there was no sign of any "stuffy" Rotarians as everyone was on their feet singing with gusto, many waving their Union Flags.

The men from Treorchy sang all the usual Welsh favourites including "Myfanwy" and "Men of Harlech" to huge and enthusiastic applause.

No-one wanted the evening to end but we all climbed back on the coach feeling we had been privileged to be a small part of a very special evening.

Nigel Yeadon

Speaker Reports

Johnnie Titman Recounting Bolivia



Our speaker on Friday 4th was a refreshingly young man by the name of Johnnie Titman.

Johnnie talked about his recent 5 week trip (partially funded by this club) to Bolivia in South America. He worked as a volunteer at a Christian day centre that supports children vulnerable to child labour or neglect and abuse from family members. They often work in dehumanising conditions and as a result have lost their childhoods.

At the day centre, boys and girls get free lunches, while Johnnie and other volunteers taught them English and basic hygiene such as understanding how to clean their teeth. He also helped them learn to play, assisted with their homework and visited their homes.

Johnnie kept us all riveted with his inspirational talk. After all he is only 18 and was one of our founder Interactors at BGN last year. We look

forward to hearing of other challenges that come his way in the future.

Ian Anthistle

Duncan Forbes & Joan Gardner
OxBEL – Extraordinary Friendship



Oxfordshire Befriending for Life is a free service which offers friendship to people with a life-limiting illness

We were privileged to have one of the volunteers, Duncan Forbes, together with OxBel coordinator Joan Gardner to outline the scope of this worthwhile charity to us.

Volunteer Befrienders build up a friendly, supportive relationship with the client and with those who care for them, by visiting for three hours per week at mutually convenient times. These visits can be at home, hospice, care home or out and about, whichever is more convenient. They offer friendship, companionship and someone to talk to, reducing any sense of isolation and to help people feel less alone in time of need. Practical help is often offered - planning outings, escorting to medical appointments or light shopping.

While volunteers have a wide range of personal/spiritual beliefs, they do not impose their views and respect and value all diverse identities in society. They are all fully trained before that start befriending.

It seems to me that this wonderful charity acts as the good neighbour and friend, offering support, companionship and perhaps on occasions a shoulder to cry on. It is another demonstration of the excellence of the voluntary sector in our community.

Ian Rodrick.

Sean Copley - Travelling to Lourdes with
ACROSS



Talk given to The Rotary Club of Banbury by Sean Copley. 25th April 2014.

The charitable organisation ACROSS provide organised trips for disadvantaged people to various places such as Lourdes, Berlin, etc.

A typical group would comprise :- 10 VIP's, 10 Helper's, 2 Nurses, 1 Doctor, 1 Priest. They travel the whole way on coaches owned by Across which are specially adapted including beds, kitchen and other appropriate facilities to provide a comfortable and uneventful journey.

The journey to Lourdes, which is in the south west of France, near to the Spanish boarder, takes 24/27 hours where specially adapted and comfortable accommodation is provided

During their stay ,typically 7 days, daily trips are arranged to places of interest including where Bernadette experienced her vision, the highlight of the pilgrimage, which is also visited by 5.5million others each year. Sight seeing visits are also made into the beautiful surrounding country side including lake side pick-nicks, mountain visits and journeys to the Mediterranean seaside. Social evenings are arranged as are visits to the shopping area although this appears to be somewhat run down.

Although a Pilgimage to Lourdes is generally considered a religious act associated with the Roman Catholic faith, the purpose of Across is to additionally help and support the disadvantaged, crippled and mentally impaired people (VIP,s), in our society.

Across as a charity does not receive Government funding but relies entirely upon donations it recieves from the public.

Across is a national organisation with headquarters in Inveraray Scotland.

Stewart Maxwell

Attendance and Activity for the period July 2013 to February 2014

In July 2013 we had 71 members. Peter Williams joined us in October, Brian Gardner and Peggy Williams joined in January. Sadly in November we lost Joe McGloin.

Harry Matthews joined us in April 2014, and we now have 73 members.

Attendance was 67%, and the total number of Rotary Attendances 2,370.

Tony Wiltshire.



How does The Rotary Foundation help eradicate Polio?

Money donated for "Polio eradication" is used solely for that purpose and is in addition to donations to the Annual Fund.

From the launch of the global Initiative in 1988, 5 million people, mainly in the developing world, who would otherwise have been paralysed, will be walking because they have been immunised against poliomyelitis. The worldwide elimination of polio, Rotary's longest-sustained international project, has been progressing successfully for almost 30 years. In 1985 it was endemic in 125 countries with over 300,000 annual cases. Rotary International has been at the centre of organising and funding the intensive immunisation process, so that by 2014 polio is endemic in only three countries and there remain fewer than 1000 cases worldwide.

Rotary International's contribution to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988 accounts for approximately 64% of private sector contributions to the Initiative. In addition Rotary plays a leading role in soliciting financial support from donor nation

governments, an effort which since 1988 has achieved more than US \$8.2 billion in contributions.

Nevertheless, our need for Rotarians' donations will continue for the foreseeable future, as we cannot afford to let polio loose on the world again. A country can only be certified as clear three years after the last outbreak. The next outbreak is "only a 'plane ride away", and continuing immunisation is the only known way to eradicate this foul disease from the face of this planet.

How else does The Rotary Foundation "Do Good In The World"?

Rotary Scholars.

For very many years, The Rotary Foundation has offered educational grants to young adults who have already completed a Bachelor's Degree. These Scholarships enable the student to pursue studies at a higher, postgraduate level in a University in a foreign country, and if our District sponsors a scholar the cost is funded by a minimum of \$15,000 from our District Designated Fund, which is matched by \$15,000 from The Rotary Foundation. This Scholarship funding lasts for one academic year.

It is important to understand that payment is made from the District Designated Fund of the District SENDING the Scholar. No payment is taken from the District receiving the Scholar.

Should our District choose to SEND an outgoing Scholar abroad, a decision is taken by the District Foundation Committee, considering all demands on the DDF funds available. It is possible for a District to donate a Scholarship to another District which may not be able to fund a suitable student.

Any District wanting to sponsor a Scholar's studies in another country has a choice between two methods of funding the Scholarship. It may donate a sum taken from its District Grant or may apply for a Global Grant to fund a Scholar who will undertake a degree course connected with peace and conflict resolution, which takes money from the Global Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

If a District Grant is used, it comes from District funds with no matching element, and there is no direct involvement by Rotary International in Evanston. If a Global Grant is used, two Districts (donor and recipient) will work together to fulfil certain criteria related to the subjects studied and reporting requirements.

Around the Committees

Sports & Entertainment

Nigel Yeadon & the Sports & Entertainment Committee were thanked for arranging the Rotary Last Night of the Proms Concert and the Club Outing to RAF Cosford both of which were enjoyed by those participating.

Community & Vocational

The Rotary Branded Gazebo, flags, table & cover was discussed, two quotes received one from Nicolls costing £2,072, one from Surfturf for £1,258. Both quotes for like for like quality so agreed to place order with the latter company. Confirmed Cherwell Club will contribute 50% of the cost.

Party for the Blind arranged for 19th May.

Sites booked for Banbury Show 8th June and Canal Day 5th October.

Committee to book Xmas Organ Collection Dates a.s.a.p.

There was a discussion about the Nicodemus Trust, similar to the one in Guatemala. Mentors young people into work programmes working with other local Banbury Charities e.g. BYHP. Decision deferred until more information is available.

International

Calendar Girls talk at Banbury Town Hall 17th May.

Hillcrest Rotary Club in South Africa had acknowledged receipt of our £200 donation.

The Waterloo Classroom build project was now fully funded at a cost of £12,730. £9,500 already sent.

The toilet block/store rooms will cost £4,500 and is still to be raised, along with the costs of equipping and furnishing the classrooms.

Youth Services

The RYLA program for disabled pupils from Frank wise is scheduled for 16th to 19th May.

Council

There is an invitation to President Jennette Bradbury Cherwell Clubs night at The Great Barn, Aynho on 20th June. Black tie £32 per ticket.

Clubs will be asked to vote on the District restructuring proposals during May.

The quote for the Club Directory including Colour Photo's is £198, standard B&W with no photo's was

£153. Harry Rhodes charged £60, agreed to go ahead. Use existing photos where possible for any missing, if not useable Helen Morris or Harry to be asked to do another.

District 1090 will have a new member seminar on 14th July, venue tbc.

District assembly will be in Henley on 10th May, all Council members invited. JH, PC, AW, MR & DH confirmed attendance.

Free funds were £1,400.

Gift Aid received for tax year 2011/12 was £244, 2012/13 £2,316. The claim for 2013/14 is £2,786.

The Lloyds Bank Account has been changed from a sweep account to a standard current account. This was done because of the 4 refused cheques in March.

Leave of Absence agreed for Tim Bryce 25/4 to 17/10 and Peggy Williams 23/4 to 30/6.

Contact Club - Confirmed there will be 59 visitors, so far 20 Banbury Rotarians have offered to host either in home or at the hotel. JH to ask for up to 8 more hosts at Friday meeting.

Next Council meeting brought forward to 21st May due to Contact Club, meeting close at 10.05 pm.

Something Completely Different

One day, God calls Satan and says with a sneer: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake, he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insists: "Send him back, or I'll sue!"

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for May 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
2 May	G. Pollard M. Recchia F. Riches I. Rodrick P. Shea J. Smith	N. Randall P. Thomas	E. Woodruff	R. Kipping
9 May	R. Thompson Peggy Williams A. Wiltshire A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall N. Yeadon	A. Warren P. Williams	J. Phillips	S. Crump
16 May	I. Anthistle M. Banks R. Barnett J. Bennett A. Brace J. Brodey	G. Anker S. Bion	J. Cooke	M. Humphris
23 May	M. Dibb T. Bryce M. Budd P. Cavill B. Croft G. Csecs	I. Calderbank. B. Cornley.	D. Barlow	S. Jakeman
30 May Contact Weekend	To be arranged.			

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 May/June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
2 May	Graham Anker	Longer Serving Member	Maurice Humphris
9 May	John Hansford	President	
16 May	Ruth Champion	LARK - Linking Arms with Rescued Kids	Alison Warren
23 May	Andrew Tee	Child Brain Injury Trust	TBA
30 May		Contact – Banbury	
6 June	Ken Norman	10 Years of Chippy Lido	Owen Kyffin
13 June	TBA	TBA	TBA
20 June		Club Assembly	
27 June	John Hansford	Retiring President's Valedictory	