

The Banbury Bulletin

The Rotary Club of Banbury Rotary International Club No. 19229 District 1090 President John Hansford



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August 2014

The August Diary

- 1st Rotary Meeting
- 6th Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
- 6th Sports and Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 8th Rotary Meeting
- 13th Classification, Membership LPR Committee Meeting
- 13th Foundation Committee Meeting
- 15th Rotary Meeting
- 20th Youth Service Committee
 Meeting
- 22nd Rotary Meeting
- 26th International Committee
 Meeting
- 27th Council Meeting
- 29th 5th Friday Evening Rotary Meeting
- 31st Stephen's Summer Steaming

Phil is going to Lighten-up Rotary



In 2005 after 18 months of retirement and relaxation I was looking for something to help me get involved with my local communities of Bloxham & Banbury.

I hadn't really considered Rotary as an option but one day I went in to Henry's Menswear shop to buy a suit. I didn't buy the suit but as always with Malcolm, you don't leave his shop empty handed and he asked if I would be interested in attending a Rotary meeting, just like this one today.

What is Rotary Malcolm - I asked - 'it's an inspiring organisation for business, professional and community leaders that meets weekly for fellowship, fun and to do good work in communities', he replied.

He also said 'End Polio Now' was one of its highest profile campaigns with the objective of eradicating the disease worldwide by 2018.

I knew about Polio because a secondary school friend had contracted it in the late 50's. He recovered but was in an iron lung for months, and had to wear leg callipers afterwards.

Rotary's Polio campaign started in 1985 when cases numbered 350,000 a year around the world, most affected were children and it was fatal in over 50% of cases.

Since then 2 billion children have been vaccinated in 122 countries and cases are down to 250 per year in just 3 countries.

Smallpox is the only other disease ever to have been eradicated by vaccination in world history and potentially doing the same for Polio, that's inspiring!

So I came to the meeting, got hooked, joined the club and 8 years later here I am at the Presidential handover - having learnt a lot more about Rotary in those intervening years.

My own introduction to Rotary is typical, as Ron Burton last year's R.I. President said 'we just need to ask" potential new members.

So what else you may ask has inspired me?

My fellow Rotarians will know one of the objects of Rotary is 'the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship united in the ideal of service'.

So did you know for instance that Rotary has been a part of the United Nations from the very beginning? A Rotary organised meeting in England in 1942 planted the seeds that led to the creation of UNESCO (U.N. Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organisation).

49 Rotarian delegates helped to draft the U.N. charter in 1945 and the first President of the General Assembly was a Rotarian from the Philippines. Rotary still has 100 delegates supporting joint United Nations initiatives today. That's inspiring!

Rotary also developed the programme & sponsors graduates through a master's degree in 'Peace & Conflict Resolution' at 5 Universities around the world. It sponsors more International Exchanges through its programmes such as: Ambassadorial Scholars; Vocational Training Teams; Peace Fellowships: and Youth Exchanges than any other non-government organisation worldwide.

We have had two of the Scholars present to us here in this hall in the last year, and they are inspiring!

Of course it feels good to have these global initiatives and programmes Internationally, to feel part of a worldwide movement of 1.2 million people, but the beating heart of Rotary, the volunteering, the fellowship, the fun happens at Club level, and I have to say Banbury is a great club.

It supports local and international communities.

'We are for Communities' is no idle phrase; we really do practice what we preach.

In the previous 12 months under John Hansford's leadership we have supported Community Activities

and Rotary Charities to the tune of £49,978.02; this includes just over £16,000 in donations through ACEP for Alan Wolstencroft's Sierra Leone projects.

In the coming year I hesitate to say we can match those figures but I am proud of the events programme you see before you and I have no doubt we will again raise substantial sums.

I am inspired by our clubs support for the Young People of Banbury, the 24 Primary Schools that take part in our Children Singing for Children Concerts. Who could not be moved by the massed choirs singing 'The World in Union' or the Frank Wise students making their own special music?

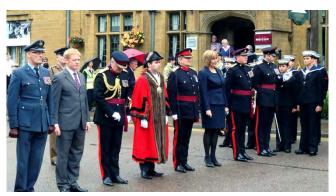
The 120 talented Young Musicians who play to become the Banbury Young Musician of the Year, for each of the last 25 years. Many of whom have gone on to professional careers and will be appearing for the 25th Anniversary concert in June 2015.

Young Chef of the Year encourages 11 to 18 year olds to cook a 2 course healthy meal for two people, using fresh ingredients for under £10. The quality, presentation and skill on display have to be seen to be believed.

The Brodey Bursary supports undergraduates studying engineering degrees & each year we give the first real interview experience to 350 year 10 students from BGN and the Warriner. If you want to be inspired by 15 & 16 year olds - join our Interview Panel and you will see the future for the world is in good hands.

I am inspired by the work of our club in raising money for our own charity, the Rotary Foundation, which helps fund humanitarian projects, youth exchanges and Vocational Training Teams throughout the world. For Alan's commitment to support Communities in Sierra Leone, the End Polio Now programme, and for Shelterbox, who are often the first aid agency on site, after natural disasters like earthquakes or tsunami's have occurred.

Rotary is not all about raising money though, we do many things to support our community.



Only last Saturday both Cherwell and our own Club, supported Banbury Town Councils - Armed Forces Day celebrations, by stewarding town road closures and the 'Music to Honour the Brave' concert at St. Mary's Church.

On Sunday 8 members of our Club and the Rotaract Club marshalled check points for local Scouts, Cubs & Beavers who were sponsored to do 15 or 5 mile hike around the Banbury Fringe Walk. Yesterday was the 2nd of three days interviewing 220 children at Warriner School.

We are a big club with the largest membership in our district. During the last 25 years we have always been between 70 & 75 members and we want to keep it that way to manage our very full schedule. So fellow Rotarians we need your help to achieve our membership target by inviting at least one person to one of our meetings in the next Rotary year.

Paul Gardiner has circulated a spreadsheet detailing all the Committee and Project group membership for the coming year. Please could I ask everyone who can to support your Committee Chairs through regular attendance at the meetings and involvement in their activities, this will help spread the workload evenly throughout the club.



To Tim Cowling, our District Governor - we will support your Conference & District meetings. We also hope to achieve the Presidential Citation goals on Membership, Service and extending the Family of Rotary in 2014/15.

For us this means recruiting 4 new members, achieving the clubs contribution targets for Foundation & Polio and mentoring our BGN Interact Club so that its viability is assured.

A small group has been working to improve our digital media presence. Largely thanks to Ron Barnett & Reg McLean I am pleased to say we have a fresh new website on line from today. Reg will be contacting all Committee Chairs during the next 6 weeks to demonstrate the site and describe how your committee can benefit from its use. Check out our clubs new Facebook and Twitter pages as well.

I also hope we can hold joint activities with Banbury Cherwell Club, Inner Wheel, Rotaract, and Interact to present a unified Rotary face to the Banbury community. Together we can only be stronger!

'Service above Self' is the Rotary motto but we would not have our great history without the most important aspect of Rotary, fun & fellowship, it's the glue that holds our club together!

Social events are important to us and under Nigel's guidance the Sports & Entertainment committee organise a great programme including, Theatre & Museum visits, Darts & Quiz Nights, garden parties and of course my favourite pastime - Golf. We also hope to re invigorate the 5th Friday dinners with partners.

Highlights in the recent past for me were the Last Night of the Rotary Proms, at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham, the Lords Cricket Ground tour, our Club Contact visit to Switzerland and winning third place in the Rotary National Golf Competition with Bernard Goodchild, Ian Rodrick and Malcolm Nutt.

It's a joy to come to our weekly lunchtime meetings because our programme is well managed by Helen and the Fellowship & House Committee under Stephen Jakeman.

We are fortunate to have use of this hall and to have Pink Peppercorns, as our caterers. Like today there is usually plenty of friendly banter, good fellowship and we get to eat great puddings. So let's show our appreciation to Sancha, Vicki and their team, for providing us with a delicious lunch today.

Fellow Rotarians, honoured guests, this year we celebrate our 79th Anniversary. Like all my predecessors, I am merely here as a custodian for one year. I am proud to be your President, and look forward to representing the club in the coming 12 months.

The aim is to have fun and leave it in good health, so that this great club will prosper for many more years to come.

Phil Cavill



Beaver, Cub and Scouts Sponsored walk



107 years after the first Brownsea Island Scout Camp, Scouting remains one of the most active world-wide youth organisations arranging a wealth of activities across a broad spectrum. As with so many other good causes that relies on volunteers, financing is an aspect which has to be carefully controlled and self-help is an important element of this.

Together with Rotaract, Rotary Club members were out in force on Sunday 29th June at checkpoints and road crossings cheerfully supporting scouts, cubs and beavers as they walked around the Banbury countryside raising in the region of £1,200 primarily through their own efforts. The funds will be divided between three charities (we do not know the % allocation at present):

- 1. 7th Banbury Scout Group;
- 2. North Banbury Scout Group; and
- 3. The National Arboretum (which is in memory of those lost in conflict).

This inaugural event has been considered a great success and it is intended that it will become an annual event.

The local Scout Groups involved are extremely grateful to Rotary and Rotaract for the help given on the day and have asked for their appreciation to be made clear.

Andrew Fairbairn

Support for Sierra Leone Schools



Rotarian Malcolm Douglas, owner of Henrys Menswear of Banbury is supporting Alan Wolstencroft's work with schools in Sierra Leone.

His business is in a national buying group, he circulated a note asking members to donate out of date school uniforms. A large schools supplier in Suffolk, Coes of Ipswich, had £3000 worth of Jackets, Anoraks, Trousers and Skirts for a cancelled contract.

These were transported free of charge by Isis Vehicle Breakdown services to Banbury.

Alan will make good use of these at the schools he supports in Sierra Leone.

Cavill's Clippings

It has been a busy start for your inexperienced President to the new Rotary year with my first engagement coming before even my own inauguration.

I was delighted to be invited to the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell's handover on the 1st July when President Dorothy Cantrell took over from Jeanette Bradbury. It was good to meet many Rotarian friends and to build on our Clubs relationship.

On Wednesday 2nd July we had the final planning session for the launch of the new Club website. Many thanks to lan Calderbank, Reg McLean and Ron Barnett for making this happen; we now have a website that will be of interest to the general public as well as our own members.

Thursday 3rd July was the final day of Practice Interviews at the Warriner, I partnered Michael Budd and as always it was a joy to meet very enthusiastic young people and help to develop their interview skills.

Friday 4th July was a big day, our handover meeting at the Masonic Hall. My talk about how I came to join Rotary, what inspires me about Rotary, what a

great club Banbury is and how important it is with such a full program to keep recruiting new members. To help all members who can, were asked to support their Committee Chairs through regular attendance at meetings and to invite one potential new member to a lunch meeting during this Rotary year.

I was a bit nervous before the handover meeting, you probably need some adrenalin to perform well and I had positive feedback from a few people. Immediate Past President John Hansford set the bar high in his year and will be a hard act to follow. I am sure though we will have an enjoyable year in 2014/15.

Saturday 5th July was Volunteers Day at the Leonard Cheshire Home, Agnes Court and it was good to catch up on developments there as I had not been since Rotarian Andrew Fairbairn set off on his epic Scilly Isles to Shetlands adventure.



Sunday 6th July was Town Mayor's Sunday. Sean Woodcock, and all Banbury past Mayors, support many Rotary events so it was fun to reciprocate on a lovely sunny day. The parade was led by two marching bands from the town hall to People's Park. I am told it was the largest parade ever, and I was amazed at how many people and stalls there were on the day.



Thursday 10th July was the Inner Wheel handover meeting when President Catherine Cunningham was installed taking over from Maureen Carney. I was made to feel very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed being outnumbered by so many ladies.

The 11th July was enjoyable as my first time in the chair at a Friday meeting and the 13th July was the very successful Broughton Castle Cycling Festival organised by our Rotarian friends at Banbury Cherwell, a very long day for them but I believe over 400 entries to the event, all presented with their medals at the finish line next to our new Rotary gazebo.

On the 20th July I was invited to the President's Tea Party by Dorothy Cantrell at her home in Hook Norton, a lovely day with great homemade food and scrumptious puddings, including specially iced Cycle cakes, to celebrate the successful event the previous week.

Monday 21st July was the District Briefing meeting for hosts of the incoming Ambassadorial Scholars. Following our enjoyable experiences with Julie Self and Andonis in the last two years we have volunteered to host. As only 5 scholars are confirmed so far for the year compared to 13 last year, we have not been allocated one yet.

22nd July was the first planning session for the Children Singing for Children project team, and boy do they like an early start, 8.00 am at Malcolm Dibb's Cornish Pasty Shop!!

23rd July was the first Council meeting of this year, an enjoyable meeting with some very good discussion and decisions. On the 24th July Diana and I had an invitation to a Drinks and Supper Party at John & Gill Smith's newly refurbished house. Beautiful evening in a beautiful home and lovely way to round off my first few weeks.

Phil Cavill

Speaker Reports

Ken Norman - 10 Years of Chippy Lido



Our speaker on Friday 11th July was Ken Norman, who in addition to being a Key Client Manager at Brethertons is also a fundraiser for The Lido, Chipping Norton and runs an annual auction of promises which is hosted by celebrity auctioneer Jeremy Clarkson. Over the past ten years the auctions have raised over £150,000.

As Ken explained to us outdoor swimming pools are now a rarity in the UK. Fewer than a hundred pools now exist.

In 1963 local people began a fundraising campaign to build a swimming pool. In just seven years over £20,000 had been raised, the money handed to the Town Council and the open-air pool was opened in 1970.

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) took over the running of the pool in 1974 and then, in July 2002, the town's new leisure centre was opened and WODC announced that the outdoor pool was to close. 2003 saw the creation of KOPO (Keep Our Pool Open), a campaigning group united by their love of the facility. They mounted a spirited "Use it or Lose It" campaign, collecting 3,000 names on a petition. KOPO garnered tremendous publicity and organised many special events that saw numbers and income rise. Supported by the Town Council, they lobbied WODC who agreed a one-year reprieve.

Late in 2004 WODC announced the withdrawal of their subsidy and the KOPO committee formed a company to manage The Lido, Chipping Norton Lido Limited, and registered for charitable status.

Without any public funding other than a small grant from the Town Council each year, the committee of 8 trustees continues to raise funds in order to subsidise the operating costs, improve the facilities and replace the aging machinery and plant.

In 2010 after 18 months of grant applications the Lido's new eco-efficient energy system became fully operational. Solar electricity is generated from 60 photovoltaic panels on the roof of the changing rooms. These off-set the Lido's own usage as well as providing an income out of season. Natural heat from deep beneath the ground is being used to raise the water temperature, putting less demand on the gas boilers, which are themselves the latest, most energy efficient models. Water quality has been improved by introducing a state of the art ultraviolet light purifier as well as two new filtration tanks. Water usage has been reduced, thanks to better monitoring and maintenance. And the overall efficiency of the site has been improved by new electric and plumbing fixtures.

In 2013, in recognition of the investment in environmentally friendly technologies, as well as an ongoing commitment to run the site as efficiently as possible, The Lido was delighted to receive the Agrivert Green Business Award at the West Oxfordshire Business Awards.

Ken was accompanied by his colleague Kate Mahon. Owen Kyffin

Brian Cornley – Longer Serving Member



ROTARY SPEAKER ON FRIDAY 18th JULY 2014.

Our Brian, as we will call him was born on the 16th February 1933 in Bishop Auckland, County Durham and grew up there as a young lad.

His father was a Mixer in a Baking Powder factory, but in true Norman Tebbit style, upon being made redundant in 1937, the family "got on their bikes" and emigrated South to the village of Buscot near Faringdon in order to find work. His Mother was a school teacher.

In 1943 Brian attended King Alfred's school in Wantage where he met very surprising and unusual teachers. Bearing mind this was during and latterly after the Second World War and nearly all the teaching staff had some degree of medical or indeed mental disability, or as Brian described them as being disabled or stupid. He said the Singing teacher was blind, the Chemistry teacher was an alcoholic, the Divinity teacher had a withered arm, the History teacher was unable to stand, not surprising as he had had both legs blown off in a submarine and the Geography teacher had only one leg and was known as "Lefty".

Possibly the most notable of all these was an Austrian by the name of Mr. Isserling who was the French teacher but could speak no English and because of his nationality was frequently locked up.

The Physics teacher was known as "Chunks" who was commandant of the OTC at the school, he was named Major Brittain, a retired RSM who appears to be somewhat of a sadist in that he armed himself with a sawn off cricket bat which he used to lash out at those who refused or didn't agree to want to go to Sandhurst.

It would seem that Brian was more interested in being the next Lester Piggott. The Boarding House at the school were nearly all sons of Warders at Broadmoor and were described as being a thieving bunch of unwashed potential screws!!

He must have done very well at school despite all the vagaries of the teaching staff because his sixty years of working life has consisted of 20 years of a Chartered Civil Engineer, 20 years as Chief Planning officer with Cherwell District Council and the same period of time as a Planning Consultant.

Whilst living in New Zealand Brian studied Civil Engineering at Wellington College and he qualified as a Chartered Civil Engineer.

On his return to the UK Brian studied Town Planning at Oxford Brookes and in 1969 obtained a Diploma in Town Planning.

Brian's Rotary involvement began when he was inducted along with our Past President John Hansford by the then President Stewart Maxwell. This was in 1983. He served on various Committees as Chairman including 2 years on Vocational with Donald Bishop as Secretary and 5 years on Foundation and then International with Trevor Iles as Secretary.

He then served as Speaker Finder for two years and then attained the office of Club President in 1998/99 where he then has many notable achievements. He commenced support for Hope and Homes for Children and also raising funds for Children singing for Children

Brian has been involved in most aspects of Rotary which has included Contact Meetings over the years and one in particular when John Phillips was Chairman. He was ably assisted by the late Tom Anthistle and Martin Phillips. It was only recently that Martin's father Aubrey had passed away and said his widow Hester made a most moving speech in his memory at the Iffley Hotel after the Contact Meeting had spent a wonderful day at Waddesdon Manor. I do not think Brian will ever forget this.

Both Brian and his wife Jean have hosted GSE team members at their home. He has taken a helicopter

ride over Blenheim Palace and central Oxford with the GSE team from Canada.

Brian has witnessed many inspirational speakers such as Colonel Mark Cook of Hope and Homes for Children. The president of Ireland Mary Macalese and lists some of the highlights of his Rotary life as being Chairman for 7 years of the Foundation, Community and Vocational and International Committees.

The highlights of his professional life he lists as in 1989 being elected President of the DPO Society, the body who represent the 333 District Planning Officers of England. Brian acknowledges that without the support of his colleague Tony Brace and the then Leader of Cherwell District Council this would not have happened.

In delivering his speech Brian glossed over many of his achievements which have been present throughout his life which is typical of the man we know and love as Brian Cornley.

Brian got to the end of his speech and in typical style said "Well that's about It" and sat down to the justified applause of the assembled Members.

Bob Nurden

Rtns Shaena Whitney and Mike Ware District Conference 2015



On Friday 25th July Rotarians Shaena Whitney (from Faringdon) and Mike Ware (from Bourne End and Cookham) visited the Club and gave us a preview of the District Conference scheduled for the 6th to 8th March 2015. An amusing video, using two well known puppet oldies, introduced our DG Tim Cowling who then explained the benefits of the Telford International Centre and how the Programme had been structured to minimise cost while still providing a full experience with interesting speakers and events.

There will be no Rotary plenary sessions on the Friday although there will be a Golf Competition in the morning for those interested and Inner Wheel

will have a session in the afternoon when the IPDG's wife Joan Greening will give a talk on Famous Women as a follow up to her excellent talk on a similar topic at last year's District Conference. For those travelling to arrive there for Friday evening there will be available a supper followed by entertainment (Fun Factory - a casino plus other "games") costing £25.00 pp for the full evening or £10.00 for those who wish to eat separately and only attend the Fun Factory later.

Saturday will be a full day with the usual plenary sessions covering various Rotary activities interspersed with interesting guest speakers such as Stephen Howard (Business in the Community), Colin Parry (Peace Centre), and Helen McKinnon (See Saw). In the evening a Dinner Dance is arranged, with music provided by "Real Class" at a cost of £43.00 pp.

The Sunday morning start will see a change this year from just the conventional religious service, featuring a discussion between representatives of Christianity and Islam. This will be followed by more plenary sessions involving talks by senior Rotary representatives from RI and RIBI and covering District projects together with more guest speakers including Gay Morecambe, the daughter of the late comedian Eric.

Following their presentation, Shaena and Mike took questions and Ian Calderbank than gave a vote of thanks.

lan had previously circulated the Club with details of the Conference and has already requested hotel accommodation at the Holiday Inn (located at the International Centre) for those who had responded expressing their intention to go. No deposit is required and all these bookings can be cancelled up to 8 January 2015 without penalty. Thereafter the number of room nights that can be cancelled without penalty is only four until 19 February, i.e., two weeks before the Conference, after which the full charge will be applied for any cancellation.

It is possible to travel there and back without staying in a hotel (1½ to 2 hours each way) in which case the cost will be for Registration of £55 per member and £40 per guest if booked before 31st October 2014. After then the Registration cost will increase by £5.00 pp.

If other members wish to join the group planning to go (presently 21 in number) they should advise lan as soon as possible so that he can ensure that suitable accommodation can be booked for those requiring it. Also, in a short while Ian will ask those intending to go whether they prefer to partake of the evening entertainment organised by District as above or to do something separately just as a Club.

Ian Calderbank



How does The Rotary Foundation distribute money?

Global Grants

Grant money is available from The Rotary
Foundation for large-scale international projects.
The total cost of these projects tends to equal or
exceed \$30,000, an amount which few Clubs are
able to raise on their own. Hence the need for a
"top-up" Grant from The Rotary Foundation. Clubs
are encouraged to work together to raise as much
money as they can for joint international projects.
Donations in cash from local NGO's or other
non-Rotary organisations are admissible too, when
applying for one of these Grants.

District 1090's Foundation Committee has a Sub-Committee of very well-informed Rotarians who receive applications from Clubs wishing to apply for them. It should be understood that a Club must show that projects align with the Six Areas of Focus (see previous edition), they will require a Needs Analysis and an explanation as to how the project will be sustained in the future in order for the application to succeed.

The Sub-Committee has the authority to accept or reject applications. When an application is accepted, the Sub-Committee may donate a sum matching or approaching the amount a Club submitting an application may have raised, and will offer its assistance in applying for a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. A successful application would result in a large sum being available for the Project, so that our money and our Foundation can do (even greater) good in the world. An example (with figures elected only for easy illustration purposes) might be:

Club(s) raise(s)	\$10,000
District Designated Fund contributes up to	\$10,000
The Rotary Foundation matches	
District Designated Fund 100%	\$10,000
The Rotary Foundation donates	
50% of Club amount	\$5,000
(This is the minimum Grant from the	
Rotary Foundation =	\$15,000)
Total Project Value: Club/District +	
the Rotary Foundation =	\$35,000

A Vocational Training Team (see previous edition) may also be incorporated, for example to train people to use equipment previously sent abroad.

District Grants

Another use of District Designated Funds for projects is through the mechanism of a District Grant. This money is available to Clubs to help fund projects here and overseas. To receive a District Grant, the Club establishes close ties with the planned project, and becomes fully involved in the work to be carried out. The District Foundation Committee decides grant levels for such projects, dependent upon how much money is available from up to 50% of the District Designated Fund. No other Rotary Club need be involved, but it is advisable.

Clubs are encouraged to contribute to The Rotary Foundation to ensure future funding of Rotary Foundation grants. This contribution to the Annual Programmes Fund is a criterion for awarding grant funds. The Rotary Foundation asks that Clubs consider a donation of \$100 per member, and since this fund provides both Global and District awards, it is only fair that clubs contributing to the fund do indeed receive appropriate grants.

Early each Rotary year a base grant amount is announced once Club applications have been received. The grant award is this base amount multiplied by an average of the two previous years' giving to the Annual Programmes Fund, then divided by 100.

For example: The base is £1000. A club has given \$50 a head in Year 1 and \$80 a head in Year 2. The average amount given per head is \$65, so the award maximum is £650.

The Rotary Foundations Six Areas of Focus

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment

- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

Any monies released as Grants from The Rotary Foundation may only be used to further one of the six Areas of Focus stated above. In this way, The Rotary Foundation's mission "To Do Good In The World" is practically and effectively realised.

Around the Committees

President's Business

Role description drafted for the Communications Ambassadors, Bernard Goodchild and P.C. to deliver some coaching on the role, writing press releases, taking press friendly photos and posting articles on the club website, facebook and twitter pages.

lan Calderbank is co-ordinating arrangements for Club attendance at the District Conference 6th to 8th March 2015. Speaker session booked for Friday lunch meeting on 25th July.

Fifth Friday meetings planned for:-

- 29th August 2014 at Wroxton House Hotel Speaker to be confirmed by Helen Morris.
- 31st October 2014 Murder Mystery Party at Freemasons' Hall
- 24th January 2015 join Inner Wheel Club for Burns Night Supper (Saturday) at Whately Hall Hotel.
- 29th May 2015 Dinner and wine tasting venue to be advised.

Contact Club visit to Aalen Heidenheim, May 14th to 16th 2015. Interest meeting to be arranged in Oct/Nov. John Hansford may be away so need a volunteer to co-ordinate.

Club 80th Anniversary in 2015 - Ian Calderbank to work with a small group to agree date and plan the celebration.

Corporate membership proposals discussed, aimed at local companies, institutions, schools and local authorities. Up to four people, to include a senior executive of the organisation, can be appointed as representatives/members. Expectation is that they would share membership attendance responsibilities, (i.e. min 30% attendance at Friday lunch meetings = 15 and make up attendance to 50% = 25, by serving on committees or at events. PC to discuss WPBSA/Matchroom with Peter Williams, club

would like to build relations and support with them but it is unlikely they could meet the membership criteria.

Agreed to aim for the District/Presidential Citation in 2014/15.

- Light up Rotary membership target 4 new members e.g. 72 to 76 and Banbury Canal Day new member drive.
- Light up Rotary Service Achieve minimum \$1700 contribution to End Polio Now campaign and \$100 per member contribution to Rotary Foundation.
- Light up the Rotary Family Host a Rotary day, jointly with Cherwell Club? Extend Rotary Family - possibly new Interact Club at the Warriner or mentor/support BGN Interact to ensure continued viability.

Hon Secretary

Discussions took place about our club Protection Policy, Children and Vulnerable Adult Policy, and Equality and Diversity Policy. It was agreed that some new procedures and briefing was needed to meet the compliance regulations and maintain our Rotary Insurance Cover. PC to ask John Webb, Club Protection Officer to our next Council Meeting to present and discuss a proposed plan.

Hon Treasurer

Free Funds are currently £2450.

D.H. reminded all Committee Chairs and Project Team leaders to ensure the Trust Fund and Reg Charity No letter heads are used on all internal and external documents/letters to comply with Charity Commission law.

House Committees

Membership and PR - Attendance report from Tony Wiltshire showed attendance and activity numbers were down 10% v 2012/13. All members to be reminded to record all extra activities in the book. One potential new member in progress.

Programme - Helen Morris was thanked for her good work, speakers booked until end September. Council members were asked to assist where possible with speaker suggestions to Helen.

Sports and Entertainment - Committee are working on the 2014/15 programme including the regular events and some new ones.

Community & Vocational Committee

No Meeting in July.

Foundation Committee

All committee fund raising targets agreed. Planning to hold Crocus Concerts again for 2nd year. First event will be Stephen's Summer Steaming on 31st August. PC attended the District Ambassadorial Scholars briefing on 21st July. Only 5 Scholars are confirmed for this Rotary year v 13 last year. More may be confirmed up to end September 2014 but at the moment there are more clubs volunteering to host than Scholars.

International Committee

Banbury Rotaract Club members planning to visit Sierra Leone with Alan Wolstencroft in Spring 2015. Initial appraisal into possible project which would attract Global Grant aid to equip a clinic gifted to the local community in Sierra Leone.

Youth Services Committee

Young Musician dates agreed - heats 16th and 17th January and final on 28th February all at Sibford School. 25th Anniversary concert planned at Tudor Hall on 21st June 2015. Good feedback from Warriner on recent Practice Interviews. Event Proposal Forms for Young Musician, RYLA, and Young Chef submitted.

The Month in Pictures





Who does he think he's kidding!





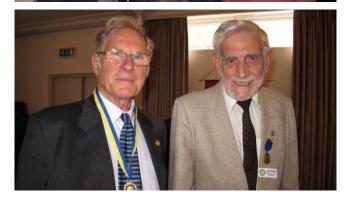












Weekly Meeting Duties for August 2014

<u>Date</u>	Table Duty	Cash Desk	<u>Fellowship</u>	F&H in charge
1 August	M. Dibb B. Goodchild N. Halfpenny T. Iles G. Jeremy O. Kyffin	A. Fairbairn B. Gardner	D. Barlow	R. Kipping
8 August	K. Manning A. McHugh R. McLean H. Morris M. Nutt H. Matthews	R. Nurden S. Kershaw	J. Phillips	S. Maxwell
15 August	M. Phillips N. Randall M. Recchia F. Riches P. Shea P. Thomas	G. Pollard I. Rodrick	D. Sullivan	E. Woodruff
22 August	A. Warren N. Yeadon R. Thompson P. Williams A. Wolstencroft N. Yeadon	J. Smith Peggy Williams	J. Webb	S. Crump
29 August	Evening Meeting	R. Worrall A. Wiltshire		S. Jakeman

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 July/August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
1 August	Martin Karlunga-Bander	Chief Exec of President of Zambia	Tony Wiltshire
8 August	Matthew Titman	Portrait of My Years at University	Michael Budd
15 August	Rev Stella Fairbairn	Dealing with Wheels	Andrew Fairbairn
22 August	Jack Dolan	My Experiences at University	Michael Budd
29 August	Fifth Friday Evening	Speaker - To be confirmed Wroxton House Hotel	TBA
5 Sept	John Brodey	Longer Serving Member	Roger Worrall
12 Sept	Tim Cowling	District Governor	President
19 Sept	Anthony Munday, Aiden & Carolanne	Frank Wise School	Nigel Randall
26 Sept	Lucinda	New Generation Exchange Visit	Geoff Pollard