

The Banbury Bulletin

The Rotary Club of Banbury Rotary International Club No. 19229 District 1090 President Phil Cavill

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September 2014

#### The September Diary

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Community L Vocational Service Committee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sports and Entertainment Committee
- 4<sup>th</sup> District Council
- 5<sup>th</sup> Club Lunch meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Banbury Street Organ/Town Criers Festival
- 10<sup>th</sup> Classification *L* Membership Committee
- 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation Committee
- 12<sup>th</sup> Club Lunch meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> Battle of Britain Parade/Service
- 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Service Committee
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- 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> Club Lunch meeting

# Cavill's Clippings



Not quite as busy a month in August but some very enjoyable events attended.

On Wednesday **30th July,** Diana, myself, Owen Kyffin, Helen Morris and Ian Anthistle entered a club team at the Rotaract Clubs Quiz Night at the Reindeer on Parsons Street. Excellent turnout of about 50 people with £400 raised for Home Start; however our knowledge of music and pop groups was not what it once was and we finished about half way in the league table. Rotaract have doubled their membership in the last year to 22 and are now a very active club.

Wednesday **6th August** I attended the Community and Vocational meeting, very good attendance with planning for the coming year discussed.

Thursday **7th August** was the Inner Wheel Early Bird supper, an enjoyable social event held monthly and hosted by Annie Phillips at the cricket club in Bodicote.

On Friday **8th August** I met with our Club Protection Officer, John Webb, to discuss the clubs arrangements for Health & Safety, Protection and Equality & Diversity policies. We have to comply with RIBI regulations and guidelines in order to maintain our Rotary Insurance cover. It's all very mundane but necessary and John will be delivering some updated guidelines for Committee Chairs and Officers over the next couple of months. Thank you John!

The President of Banbury Cherwell Club and I agreed to meet 3/4 times a year to keep each other updated on club events and discuss potential joint ideas / activities. We met on **12th August** and have agreed to invite our respective members to a number of joint social occasions and work together on Canal Day, Membership Recruitment etc.

Di and I attended the Banbury Town Food fair on **17th August**, it seems to get better each year and the Town council are to be congratulated on organising such a good event. The weather was good ensuring an excellent turnout. On Tuesday evening,

**19th August** Banbury Cherwell hosted their presentation evening for the Broughton Castle Cycle Festival at the Castle. The event was a great success with the number of entries exceeding 450. In two years £12600 has been raised for Charities, cheques were presented on the evening to Style Acre, Radio Horton, Banbury Scouts, Sea Cadets & the Rugby Club. I gave our clubs congratulations to President Dorothy Cantrell on a very professional and well run evening and event.

On Thursday **28th August** the Banbury service clubs play at Tadmarton Heath for the Keith Bigwood Trophy.

Friday **29th August** is our first fifth Friday evening dinner with partners at the Wroxton House Hotel. There will be 54 members, guests and visitors from Banbury Cherwell and Inner Wheel attending. Helen morris has arranged for Mike Ashley, Senior Valuer at Holloways Auctioneers to be our speaker. This will be my 9th weekly meeting as President and I cannot believe how quickly time is passing by!!

Sunday **31st August** is Stephens Summer Steaming, over 60 people a planning to be there and we hope for good weather. A huge thank you to Stephen & Clare Jakeman for allowing us to use their garden as a fundraiser for Rotary Foundation Charities and to all Rotarians who have helped with the organisation.

Phil Cavill

#### Speaker Reports

#### Martin Kalungu-Banda - Zambia



We were delighted to host Mr Martin Kalungu-Banda to our meeting to talk about Zambia and his experiences as Chief Executive Officer to President Dr Patrick Levy Mwanawasa (2006-2008) He also spoke about his work since then, training executive officers and also working with the private section of OXFAM. Martin travels extensively; two weeks previously he was in New York, last week in was in Pretoria, and after a spell with OXFAM at Oxford he will be flying to Brazil to another Conference.

He reminded us that Zambia is land locked, surrounded by Angola, the Congo Democratic Republic, Tanzania, Namibia, Mozambique, Botswana & Zimbabwe. Zambia became independent from British Colonial Rule in October 1964. It is almost unique in that it has never been at war since independence and has successfully changed leaders and Governments through elections. It is made up of 74 Independent tribes giving rise to 74 different languages. The main economic activities are mining (copper gold silver uranium & zinc). Tourism is important; Victoria Falls being the most famous attraction. Agriculture employs most of the rural communities.

Martin served the 3<sup>rd</sup> President, Dr Mwanawasa, between 2006 and 2008 until he died of a heart attack whilst attending an African Union Summit. He also told us that "the little good" he had done was due to the support he got from those working at 10 Downing St. He had been invited to sit on Tony Blair's chair and found just sitting there was enough to cause feelings of panic! He came to realise that people at the top could only function well if they were given honest information by their colleagues. As most people feel that the "top man" needs to be told how well he is doing, he does not get fed the real facts; they are usually edited to please him.

Martin told us a story about travelling in the Presidents car. The houses by the side of the road seemed spick and span, freshly painted and the roads were without potholes. He retraced the route in an ordinary car and found that it was the tinted car windows and fat tyres in the Presidents Limousine car that made things appear so perfect!

He said that serving the President he learnt the following things:

Power is held collectively. Too much power vested in one person can only lead to corruption. Leaders can be very lonely in the sense that people are too eager to say and do things to please the leader.

A person in powerful office has to find a way to get in touch with the true circumstances of the experiences of ordinary people.

Martin spoke very well, and answered questions clearly. He also bought copies of two books he has written; one about Mandela, the other more about African history. Several copies were purchased by Rotarians. (I am told that they were most interesting).

I know Martin quite well as we go to the same Church. He is quiet, polite and always helpful to others. His wife and two children are the same. If only more people in politics could be like that!

#### **Tony Wiltshire**

## Ian Brodey Engineering Bursaries – Matthew Titman

Since 2007, we have made bursary awards to twelve young men (however, so far, no young ladies have applied) to help them meet the cost of their first degree courses. Stipulations apply to all applicants; Bursaries are only available to those attending a respected UK University as a full time student and reading for a degree in one of the range of recognised engineering disciplines (Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Chemical, Environmental, Marine Aeronautical, Process, Control, etc.). The principal source of funding was a legacy left to the Club by Ian Brodey, a member of our Club. A small ad hoc committee administers all aspects of the Bursaries. Up until June 2014, it was chaired by Mike Budd; he has now stepped down and has been replaced by John Brodey, who is the brother of lan.

The conditions for the award of bursaries are that the applicant should be a British citizen with their main home lying within a ten mile radius from Banbury Cross and to have lived there for the two years spent studying their A-Levels, which should, preferably, be in a school also in the defined area. Consideration can be applied in cases where students need to study outside the 10-mile zone because of the unavailability of schools offering their chosen course within it. They are required to fill in a standard entrance form that we supply and which should be returned by a stipulated date. Those who subsequently qualify, by also obtaining the necessary grades in their A-Level examinations to satisfy the conditional offers of Universities at which they wish to study are called to attend for interview. Interviews have always been conducted by Neil Brodey (son of Ian Brodey and currently MD of Norbar Torque Tools), John Brodey (Director of Norbar) and Mike Budd (Chairman of the Brodey Bursary Committee). The interviews have always been held at Norbar because the interviewers value the opportunity this gives them to study the reactions of the applicants to a working state of the art mechanical engineering facility. This is even more important when applicants out of three or more who have applied have to be denied a bursary.

We have always prided ourselves with: letting all applicants know the results of their applications immediately after the end of the interview session and paying the first of the six instalments (2 each year while studying at University, but temporarily with-held during work experience or a gap year), so that they have access to the award money when they arrive at their University. The value of the Bursary was increased from the original amount of £1200 for a three year degree course to £1500 in 2013, the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the Bursaries. During this time, twelve awards were made (and there are two applicants this year). Three have studied at Cambridge, three at Loughborough, two at Portsmouth and one each at Bath, Oxford, Sheffield and Southampton As is to be expected, the need for replenishment of the funding will soon be a major concern if this most relevant and worthwhile initiative is to continue.



Our speaker on Friday 8th August was Matthew Titman who lives in Bodicote and is now, after completing his Bachelor's degree, intending to stay on at Sheffield University to do a Master's. He is clearly extremely interested in aeronautical engineering and gave us a most interesting presentation on the development of aircraft allied with advances in structural materials over the past 100 years. He pointed out that the development from the early wood and canvas based structures has now extended to a range of exotic high-strength alloys and composite materials. Part of his recent course-work involved him in a team that was tasked with designing, building and then test-flying a powered model aircraft that they had designed and built. He showed us a film that he had made of the test flight which was guite impressive until the fuel ran out just before landing. Clearly, it had been an excellent learning experience that had given all the members of the team valuable insight into being involved in an engineering project from start to completion. He is currently doing vacation work at Norbar.

Matt was the seventh out of twelve students to whom we have awarded bursaries. Three have gone to each of Cambridge and Loughborough, two to Portsmouth, and one each to Bath, Oxford, Sheffield and Southampton. Most of the funding comes from a legacy left to the Club by Rotarian Ian Brodey, the older brother of Rotarian John Brodey, now Chairman of the Bursary Committee. The original bequest will be used up within the next two or three years, because we had to take the decision to increase the annual payment from £400 to £500 per year, for the three years of formal study for a first degree, after student living costs rose so sharply two years ago. No payments are included for gap, or study years. Another effect of this has been to increase the expenditure a student needs to make

when arriving at university for the first time. Matt told us that the bequest contribution had been absolutely essential at that time. Before long we shall need to replenish the Bursary fund, so that we can continue with this essential project.

Next month, Jack Dolan, the grandson of David and Betty Playle, will be coming to talk about his first two completed years at Oxford, as a bursary winner. I am sure this will be another most interesting occasion. The A-Level results have just come out, so soon the interviewing panel, comprising John Brodey, Neil Brodey (Ian's son and the current Managing Director of Norbar) and I will be carrying out this year's interviews. Believe me, our standards are high!

Mike Budd

# Stella Fairbairn - Dealing with Wheels



Hardly a petrol head, but Stella Fairbairn gave an interesting and informative autobiographical recollection of her experience with wheels bicycles, motorbikes and cars - from the mid-1930s to the present day. Times have clearly changed from her initial encounters of learning to cycle without stabilisers and changing car gears through double declutching. Younger Rotarians will not recognise the latter term whilst those more senior will no doubt be nostalgic!

Price and speed have altered too. Her first car was a Standard 8, the second cheapest on the market at that time. At only £395 the Ford Popular was the cheapest but relatively expensive compared to today as it approximately equated to her then annual salary as a school teacher. It had a top speed of 62 mph (downhill with a following wind) and few roads appropriate to safely accommodate even that. She now cruises comfortably along the motorway at the national speed limit with many vehicles overtaking considerably faster. Her mechanical experiences were varied - from repairing a broken clutch cable

during her test which she went on to pass, to not realising the relevance of oil to her Lee Enfield resulting in its early demise.

One factor has not changed throughout the period. She has the enviable track record of never having been involved in an accident and having passed all of her tests first time - motorbike, motor car (five weeks before her first baby was due) and the Institute of Advanced Motorists (as an octogenarian). Perhaps the greatest change then is that of the perception of old age - she is going to let me know when she is no longer middle age.

Andrew Fairbairn

# The Month in Pictures

# Banbury Cherwell Cycling Event



Rotaract Quiz Night

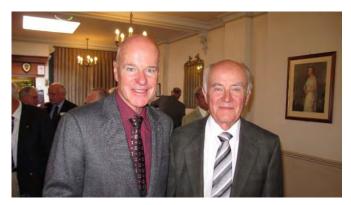




# Lunchtime Visitors







Fifth Friday















Stephen's Summer Steaming















# Council Meeting August 27th 2014

## Presidents Business

Communications Ambassadors - A coaching session for the committee roles had been delivered on 4th August at Westminster Securities offices, Blacklocks Hill. Role description discussed and agreed and the group exercise drafted a pre event press release for CSFC. The Comms Ambassadors were asked to now begin work on updating their service committees web site page and send draft stories for projects to Bernard Goodchild for the press, radio, Reg McLean / Ron Barnett for the website, Phil Cavill or Ian Calderbank for Facebook & Twitter & David Sullivan for the Bulletin.

Contact Club May 14/15/16th 2014 -interest meeting date to be arranged by David Hitchcox & John Hansford.

Presidential Citation Goals for 2014/15 were agreed, the difficult one for us being a large club will be the 5% increase in membership.

**Light up Rotary membership** - target 4 new members e.g. 72 to 76 & Banbury Canal Day new member drive.

**Light up Rotary Service** - Achieve minimum \$1700 contribution to End Polio Now campaign & \$100 per member contribution to Rotary Foundation, improving Education, Water & Sanitation in Sierra Leone by end May 2015.

Light up the Rotary Family - Host a Rotary day -Rotary Family Festival of Christmas Music. Extend Rotary Family - possible new Interact Club at the Warriner or mentor/support BGN Interact to ensure continued viability. Sponsor minimum two Youth Activities - Young Musician, Young Chef, Children Singing for Children, Crocus Concerts & RYLA Calvert Trust. P.C. to speak to Simon Bion about his committee arranging Vocational visits to build Rotary connections with local businesses and possible Corporate Membership.

Ian Calderbank planning our club involvement at District Conference 6th to 8th March. Phil & Ian visiting Telford to check out venues, rooms booked for 27 @ Holiday Inn.

Club 80th Anniversary 2015 - Ian Calderbank has organised a small group to plan this.

#### Honorary Secretary

John Webb presented draft documents that he had written for communicating the clubs policies on Health & Safety, Protection & Equality & Diversity. These were approved, it was agreed to place 4 documents on the Club Members section of the website. Phil/John would announce at the next Friday lunch meeting that all members involved in planning events should visit the site and read these, any queries should be addressed to John as the Club Protection Officer. Council agreed to sign the three policy documents advised by Rotary District.

Leave of Absence agreed for Ron Barnett to end September 2014, Reg McLean 23rd August to 26th October 2014 & Roger Worrall 3rd to 17th October.

No objections received to the 7 day letter for new member Peter Wilkins so his application was approved by Council. John Hansford, Paul Gardiner & Simon Bion had agreed in absentia to achieve the 66% quorum.

The calendar had been updated with various events including a Cherwell Club Quiz Fish & Chips night at Wroxton Parish Hall on Tuesday 30th September. Board to be sent round. Also an Inner wheel Film Night with Fish & Chip supper on Saturday 21st March 2015.

#### Honorary Treasurer

Free Funds are currently £4664.68.

The Contact Reserve stands at £5870 and the Club Draw adds a further £350 per annum. DH suggested the fund is enough to cover any emergency and the Draw money should be allocated to another worthy cause.

All member subscriptions now received, RIBI dues now paid.

#### House Committees

Membership & PR - New member application being progressed.

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

Sports & Entertainment - The club has again made the final of the RIBI Golf Championships on 9th September. Bigwood Trophy 27th August. Club Darts confirmed @ Cricket Club on 19th January 2015. Theatre Trip planned - 'That will be the day' 30th November in Aylesbury. Visit to Guide Dogs for the Blind confirmed Thursday 19th February. Other events including Club Outing & Go Karting to be confirmed.

### Community & Vocational

Council agreed to committee recommendation of 75/25 % split of Street organ Xmas Collections to KHH & Local Rotary Charities.

Council agreed to purchase of £100 Morrison's Food Vouchers for Polly Preedy.

Council discussed a lady members concern about photo's in the Club Directory. It was confirmed the club had a data protection policy and had printed on it 'for the use of Rotarians only'. Agreed next year's print would exclude member photos for those requesting it.

#### Foundation

Planning in hand for Stephens Summer steaming. Frugal lunch on 2nd January agreed. No additional news on our offer to host an Ambassadorial Scholar.

Family Festival of Xmas Music booked at St Mary's 13th December.

Roger Worrall has agreed to be the committees Communications Ambassador.

#### International

Alan's visit to Sierra Leone in September postponed due to Ebola outbreak.

Fund raising ideas being discussed including Film Night, Tour de Triggs, Swimming/Garden party. Cheque for £100 sent to Laura Guile to support her Overseas Voluntary Service in Zambia.

Andrew Fairbairn to attend the Ebola Outbreak meeting organised by Marlow Club on 1st September.

## Youth Services

Young Chef set up cost £500 agreed, CSFC set costs £3000 agreed. GM to speak to Cherwell Club about Young Chef District Final in Feb March. Record entry of 28 schools to this year's CSFC.

Phil Cavill

#### Editor

The Club was saddened to learn of the death of Ron Barnett's son, Andrew, and our thoughts and prayers are with Ron, family and friends.

I have put this September Bulletin together on a temporary basis and my apologies if it doesn't reach previous high standards.

David Sullivan

### **District Opportunities Seminars**

District Governor Tim and District Governor Elect Fred are hosting two District Opportunities Seminars in September, especially any member who has expressed an interest in serving at District level

These will be informal seminars during which Tim and Fred (with the help of AGs Alistair Knox and Katy Goodey) will describe what is involved when one becomes a member of a District Committee or an Assistant Governor. It is hoped that any Rotarian who may be interested (either now or in the future) in helping out at District level will be able to attend one of these seminars. The seminars will also be interesting to any Club Rotarian who just has an interest in finding out a little more about the way the district structure operates.

The first will be on Thursday 18th September 2014 at The Kings Head, Little Marlow, SL7 3RZ starting at 7.30pm

The second will be on Tuesday 30th September 2014 at the Unipart Centre, Oxford, OX4 6LN (satnav postcode) again, starting at 7.30pm.

Light refreshments will be available at both events.

I would be grateful if anyone who intends to attend could let me know so that I can arrange refreshments accordingly.

Greg Wilkinson (District Training Officer) 07850 791324

# Weekly Meeting Duties for the Month of .September 2014

Date	Table Duty	Cash Desk	Fellowship	F&H in charge
5 September	I. Anthistle M. Banks R. Barnett J. Bennett J. Brodey M. Budd	S. Bion A. Brace	D. Blakey	R. Kipping
12 September	I. Calderbank B. Cornley B. Croft G. Csecs M. Dibb M. Douglas	H. Braisby S. Dhesi	B. Doe	M. Humphris
19 September	A. Fairbairn B. Gardner B. Goodchild N. Halfpenny J. Hansford S. Kershaw	T. Iles G. Jeremy	J. Cooke	S. Crump
26 September	K. Manning A. McHugh R. McLean J. Meredith R. Nurden M. Nutt	O. Kyffin H. Morris	D. Barlow	S. Maxwell

Need to apologise for absence? If so, please record your intended absence in the apologies book in advance, or notify Rtn STEPHEN JAKEMAN by 5pm on the Wednesday before the meeting at the very latest

# Speaker Programme for September and October 2014

Date	Speaker	Торіс	Host
5 Sept	John Brodey	Longer Serving Member	Roger Worrall
12 Sept	Bernard Goodchild	Galapagos Islands	Harry Matthews
19 Sept	Anthony Munday, Class Teacher with Students - Aiden and Carolanne	Frank Wise School	Nigel Randall
26 Sept	Lucinda Bourne Swinton Hunter	New Generation Exchange Visit	Geoff Pollard
3 October	Simon Townsend	Banbury Museum	Andrew Fairbairn
10 October	Sarah Bourne	A Musical Trip to Chennai	Gareth Jeremy
17 October	Eleanor Green	Maggie's Oxford (Maggie Keswick Jencks Caring Centres)	John Webb
24 October	Bryan Doe	Longer Serving Member	Tony Brace
31 October	Murder Mystery Dinner	Freemasons Hall	Helen Morris

# Diary September to November 2014

September 2014

		September 2014					
3	Wed	Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	6.30pm			
3	Wed	Sports and Entertainment Committee Meeting	Aplins	7.30pm			
4	Thu	District Council	Benson Parish Hall	7.30pm			
5	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	1pm			
6	Sat	Banbury Street Organ/Town Criers Festival	Town Centre	9.30-3.30			
10	Wed	Classification & Membership Committee Meeting	Wroxton House	7.30pm			
10	Wed	Foundation Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	6.30pm			
12	Fri	Rotary Meeting - Visit of District Governor	Marlborough Road	1pm ่			
14	Sun	Battle of Britain Parade/Service	High St/St Mary's	10.30-2			
17	Wed	International Committee meeting	Banbury House Hotel	7.30pm			
17	Wed	Youth Service Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	6.30pm			
19	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	1pm			
24	Wed	Council Meeting	President's Home	7.30pm			
26	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	1pm			
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		October 2014					
1	Wed	Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	6.30pm			
1	Wed	Sports and Entertainment Committee Meeting	Aplins	7.30pm			
3	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	1pm			
5	Sun	Banbury Canal Day	Canal Side	10.30-5			
9	Wed	Classification & Membership Committee Meeting	Wroxton House	7.30pm			
8	Wed	Foundation Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	6.30pm			
10	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	1pm			
15	Wed	International Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	7.30pm			
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22	Wed	Council Meeting	President's Home	7.30pm			
24	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	1pm			
28	Tue	Bigwood Trophy	?	am			
31	Fri	Rotary Meeting - 5th Friday	Murder Mystery?	Evening			
November 2014							
4	Tue	Membership & Classification Committee Meeting	Wroxton House	7.30pm			
5	Wed	Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	6.30pm			
5	Wed	Sports & Entertainment Committee Meeting	Aplins	7.30pm			
7	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	1pm			
9	Sun	Remembrance Day Parade	St Mary's Church	10-2pm			
	3 Mon-Thu	Children Singing For Children	St Mary's Church				
12	Wed	Classification & Membership Committee Meeting	Wroxton House	pm 7.30pm			
12	Wed	Foundation Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	6.30pm			
14	Fri	Rotary Special General Meeting	Marlborough Road	•			
15	Sat	District Interact Day	Mariborougii Koau	1pm			
19	Wed		Banbury House Hotel	7 3000			
19	Wed	International Committee Meeting	Banbury House Hotel	7.30pm 6.30pm			
21	Fri	Youth Service Committee Meeting	Marlborough Road	•			
	B Mon-Fri?	Rotary Meeting	Town Hall	1pm 10_4pm			
		Mayor's Christmas Toy Appeal		10-4pm			
26 28	Wed	Council Meeting	President's Home	7.30pm			
28 30	Fri	Rotary Meeting	Marlborough Road	7.30pm			
50	Sunday	Theatre Trip - 'That'll Be The Day'	Aylesbury	Eve			