



The October Diary

- 1st Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
- 1st Sports and Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 3rd Rotary Meeting
- 5th Banbury Canal Day
- 7th 4Bs Golf Match
- 8th Classification, Membership & PR Committee Meeting
- 8th Foundation Committee Meeting
- 10th Rotary Meeting
- 15th Youth Service Committee Meeting
- 15th International Committee Meeting
- 17th Rotary Meeting
- 22nd Council Meeting
- 24th Rotary Meeting
- 28th Bigwood Trophy
- 31st 5th Friday Evening Murder Dinner

We really are 'this close'



World Polio Day is used every year as a focus for awareness-raising and fundraising by Rotary Clubs across the world in order to rid the world of Polio. The goal of the World Health Organisation and its partners is to eradicate Polio by 2018!

Here in Banbury, throughout October pupils from Banbury Academy, Blessed George Napier, Bloxham, Chenderit, Frank Wise, North Oxfordshire Academy, Sibford, Tudor Hall and The Warriner will again plant 500 "Ruby Giant" crocus bulbs at chosen locations on or near each school site.

A further 1000 bulbs will be planted on Friday 24th October outside St Mary's Church, Banbury and in People's Park.

Forty boxes of attractive crocus lapel badges will be on sale at various outlets throughout the town for £1 a badge.

Last year the Rotary Club of Banbury worked in partnership with local secondary schools on a collaborative project to play our local part in the worldwide effort to raise the funds required to reach the goal.

Together we raised enough funding to immunise 45,000 children. 45,000 is equal to the population of Banbury!

Can we do still better this year?

We are delighted that the schools have once again agreed to participate. Next spring, the 2015 "CROCUS CONCERTS" will be staged at St Mary's Church, Banbury in March to support the "End Polio Now" Campaign.

Pupils who started secondary school in September 2013 will be living in a polio-free world by the time they take their GCSEs if the partners in the "End Polio Now" Campaign meet their target. This project is our local contribution to the international effort.

Where else can you turn £1 into £3 for a good cause by buying a badge? Every £1 per crocus badge sold will be trebled by the Bill & Melissa Gates Foundation!

All money raised will go directly to the Polio Eradication Campaign.

Further details from:

- www.polioeradication.org
- www.endpolio.org
- www.ribi.org/what-we-do/RIBI-projects/polio-eradication
- Or google 'Rotary Crocus Campaign'.

Fred Riches

Club Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy and Equality & Diversity Policy



Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

The COUNCIL of the ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY has issued these statements to all members and participants in activities for the purpose of clarification of the above policies.

The ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY acknowledges and accepts that the policies issued by ROTARY IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND are long and complicated and should be summarised to all participants in our activities in simple form in order that all conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the adopted policies of RIBI.

In the case of Children and Vulnerable Adults club members who organise events should, as far as is

reasonably practicable, put the ultimate care and control of the child or vulnerable adult in the hands of their carers or persons responsible for them, such as teachers, and should offer these carers/teachers full access and welcome to events in which their "cared for" person/s participate.

All Rotarians attending these events should be grouped according to standing orders of the club which dictate that CRB checked Rotarians should be roughly in equal number to those who are NOT CRB checked for the purposes of stewarding or control.

Female members should be drafted in to events to accompany female children to toilets and to assist in all duties when delegated by the carer/teacher of females. Males may assist in emergencies, such as FIRST AID or EVACUATION OF THE BUILDING when females are present, but only under "buddy working" arrangements where they work with another Rotarian so their position is not compromised.

The ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY will demonstrate by fully co-operating with all participants in our activities that we comply with RIBI standing orders by referring them to the club HEALTH & SAFETY/CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER who will answer any queries put forward by them, or refer the matter to the CLUB PRESIDENT for clarification/action.

We, THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY wish all participants in activities organised by ourselves to be happy with our arrangements and feel comfortable that our members will do all in their power to make sure that they are safe whilst they participate in our events.



Club Equality & Diversity Policy

The ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY has a copy of the DISTRICT EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY in the hands of the HEALTH & SAFETY/CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER.

The policy dictates that all club members will not discriminate on the grounds of age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, physical abilities or qualities, race, sexual orientation, income, marital status, partnership status religion or belief, parental status, caring responsibilities and work experience.

If any club member is accused of any acts or omissions against this policy the matter will be referred to the President/Council at the earliest opportunity for immediate action to satisfy legal requirements and protect the name of the ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY.

The accuser may be given the name, telephone number, and address of the CLUB PRESIDENT to afford them direct access for the purpose of making their complaint.

The CLUB PRESIDENT will, as quickly as possible, convene any committee he sees fit in order to investigate the accusation and deal with the matter informing the complainant of the progress of the complaint and the timescale required for investigation and decision of same

A copy of this summary will be available to all members upon request or at the direction of the PRESIDENT and will be taken as accepted policy by all club members.

The HEALTH & SAFETY/CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER will be given time at any club meeting he so requests to explain the policies summarised above and answer any queries from club members.

The policy will be reviewed and amended as necessary each year at, or near the date of the Presidential handover.

The HEALTH & SAFETY/ CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER will take all reasonable measures to ensure he is aware of any changes to the above policies issued by RIBI and attend seminars given by the DISTRICT HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER to update himself on these amendments. By discussion or clarification.



What does the Club Protection Officer do?

The role of the club Protection Officer is as follows:

- To implement, manage, and promote all protection issues in the club.
- To report regularly to council.
- To make sure that he is happy with all club members who are in contact with children or vulnerable adults on behalf of the club.

- Liaise with senior members of Social Services staff responsible for protection issues in the locality of the club.
- Attend training events as notified from time to time by the district H&S Officer.
- Report to the appropriate authority any Rotarian about whom they have any concerns.
- Keep the President and others informed of actions taken or required.
- Keep CRB records up to date.



What is our Code of Behaviour?

The following rules cover the behaviour of Rotarians when working with children or vulnerable adults:

- Treat children and vulnerable adults with respect.
- Do not show favouritism to any individual.
- Be a good model for behaviour.
- Respect any child's right to privacy.
- Challenge any inappropriate behaviour towards children or others in our care.
- Avoid single working with children at all costs.
- Never be alone on car journeys with children or vulnerable adults.
- Never take children home unsupervised.
- Do not meet children outside arranged Rotary activities unless you are acting in some other official capacity such as a school helper.
- Do not play "Rough & Tumble" games with the above groups of persons.
- Do not play sexually provocative games.
- Do not allow children to swear or use inappropriate language.
- Do not make sexually suggestive comments.
- Never share a bedroom with a child or vulnerable adult in our care.

- Make sure all allegations a child makes are reported to the club Child Protection Officer.
- Do not do things of a personal nature for any child or vulnerable adult such as taking them to the toilet, pulling up their knickers or doing up zips.
- Never rely on your good name to keep you out of trouble.
- Watch for all kinds of bullying.
- Develop relationships with the child's or vulnerable person's parent or carer. Invite them along so that you are relieved of the responsibility for these people.
- Discuss any sensitive issues with carers.
- Check and report to the H&S Officer what Photography Policy is in place for the persons we are dealing with.
- Do adequate preparation and make sure your crew is fully trained and briefed.
- Check by-laws, are any special licences required like Street Collection licences.
- Check that adequate insurance is in place.
- Prepare to alter plans according to altered conditions such as inclement weather.

John Webb

Cavill's Clippings



What about planning an event?

When any Rotarian is planning an event the following guidance should be adhered to:

- Involve all persons necessary to run the event from the outset of planning. Include the club H&S Officer and never try to run an event single handed.
- Do or make sure a Risk Assessment is in place for the event by letting the club H&S Officer know so that existing Risk Assessments can be updated and altered to suit any changed circumstances.
- Never leave doing a Risk Assessment until the last minute or until asked for one. Many risks will already have been undertaken by this time without a Risk Assessment in place.
- If dealing with food check with the H&S Officer if a check under the Food Hygiene regulations is required.

We were blessed with good weather for Stephen's Summer Steaming on 31st August, when over 70 Rotarians and their families came to enjoy the fun & fellowship.

Bob Thompson & Paul Shea were great BBQ chefs, Martin Phillips organised the bar and Mary Berry would have approved of the pudding selection!! A big thank-you to the Foundation committee for organising a very enjoyable day and especially Claire & Stephen for allowing us the use of the garden and of course Clarabelle. We raised £740 for the Rotary Foundation Charity.

The Community & Vocational meeting on Wednesday 3rd September was well attended, the main item for discussion was organising our Banbury Canal Day presence. Helen Braisby and Pat Thomas have taken the lead role and I am sure both Rotary Clubs in Banbury will put on a good show.

Thursday 4th September was the District Council meeting in Benson. Helen Morris and I represented our club and we travelled there with Laurie Cunningham and Jeanette Bradbury from Cherwell Club.

It was good to see DG Tim Cowling in the chair so soon after his freak accident.

Abingdon Vesper & Elthorne & Hillingdon Clubs both won awards for Foundation support but our club were close runners up in both categories. District 1090 made the highest donation to End Polio Now in RIBI, with \$107,034 up \$25000 v last year. Banbury was the top donating club in our district with \$12,194.

Other items of note discussed were redistricting, approved by RIBI only if the adjoining districts agree. As our neighbours, D1260, have voted against, any change for us is unlikely to happen.

There was a presentation about the Ebola Crisis from Marlow Club and there will be an Interact Conference on 15th November which we hope to support.



Banbury was looking its best with fine weather on Saturday 6th September for the Town Crier & Street Organ Festival, we met John & Joy Webb in their fine outfits and were entertained by some high quality town criers from all over the U.K.

Our golfers, Malcolm, Bernard and Keith came 4th in the Rotary National Golf Competition at Leicester Golf Club on 9th September. Well done team!

On Sunday 14th September Diana and I attended a District Presidents' Lunch, hosted by Tim Cowling at the Four Pillars Hotel in Oxford. The main objective was to get new Presidents together to talk about how their first few weeks had gone, share ideas and thoughts, team building and get to know each other better.

On Wednesday 17th September I attended the Youth Services and International Committee meetings, both well chaired by Geoff and Andrew, (in Ron's absence). These committees have full programs planned or under discussion and it was disappointing to note the number of members not attending. Our clubs most important work is done in Committee and I ask all Rotarians to do their best to attend meetings, so the work load is shared equally and the few avoid too heavy a workload.

On Thursday 18th September Asst D.G. Keith Crawford had a White Zone meeting in Witney, main topic for discussion was membership recruitment and ideas were shared on local advertising/P.R. The preferred one was to use our limited resources to support Bicester, Kingham & Daylesford and Eynsham with PR & Ads at local rail stations.

A visit to the District Conference venue in Telford on Tuesday 23rd September with Diana, Ian & Pat Calderbank. All locations are of high quality and in a compact geographic location. Ian has booked rooms at the main conference hotel and will send out details and final confirmation to those attending soon, it will be a a great weekend so please join in.

Finally I would like to thank Helen Morris for her help and support in securing high quality speakers for our meetings in the last 13 weeks.

Phil Cavill

Speaker Reports

Jack Dolan – Venturing into the Unknown



Our speaker on 22nd August was Jack Dolan, a young man who had received a Brodey Bursary from the Club to attend University and study Engineering.

After a short introduction about the courses at the university and the motivations for his studying, he talked about the experiences he had had in South Korea where he taught in Jinju for a month and then exploring the Capital, Seoul.

Jack had been particularly struck by the great kindness of the Korean people particularly towards stranger. As an example he recalled the time they were coming down a mountain when a Korean couple bought them a bowl of rice and wine, which he contrasted with the equivalent of an English couple buying a bottle of wine for a table of foreigners!

He had been teaching English to nursing students who were very eager to learn and also responsive, enthusiastic and always wanting to please and make sure they made the group happy. Spending the majority of each day with the students he experienced a complete cultural exchange by eating and drinking and exploring with them.

Jack spoke about the cultural differences including the transport system which was cheap, fast, efficient and regular, and the beautiful mountain and valley scenery in Korea.

On a more sombre note Jack spoke about the demilitarized zone (DMZ) separating North and South Korea and specifically the Joint Security Area (JSA), which is the only part of the DMZ where North and South Korean soldiers stand face to face.

He spoke about his visit to the JSA and the tension that he felt whilst standing only 15m or so from the soldiers from both the North and the South with the North Korean soldiers looking at Jack's group through binoculars from the other side of the border.

Jack then reflected upon the sadness that the two countries are experiencing having been separated by war and expressed his hope for their unification one day.

Jack concluded that the trip had made him more tolerant, relaxed and open-minded in many respects and that it had been fascinating having been introduced to a new culture, language, way of life and teaching. He finished by thanking the Club for their support.

AGH

Mark Aston – Antique Auctioneering



The resurrection of Fifth Friday took place on Friday 29th August. A new lease of life has been put into the revived Fifth Friday event which includes new venues and different types of events.

Our new President is keen to promote meetings where our partners are included. The meeting held at The Wroxton House Hotel and organised by Helen Morris and Stephen Jakeman was a great success. Excellent parking, very good meeting area for drinks and the food and service were again excellent. Fellow Rotarian, John Smith who, with his wife, owns the Hotel, had very generously provided the wine, which was much appreciated. However, President Philip arranged for some funds to be raised to thank John to either pay towards the drinks or a charity. John very kindly donated it to the President's Year collection for End Polio.

Apart from needing a convivial venue one also requires an interesting Speaker and Mark Aston certainly fitted the bill. Mark is an experienced auctioneer of antiques and is a partner of Holloways of Banbury, a very long standing and well respected firm of auctioneers in the town. Helen had requested us to bring some antiques/ treasures to put on display. Mark went around the display table and noted the descriptions and history of many of the items finishing with an approximate value. The 'piece de resistance' was a silver challis brought in by Stephen and Clare Jakeman. The challis is actually owned by their local Church. Mark gave a very good description of the silver challis which dated to the 17th century before the start of the Civil War. Mark placed a value of around £40k upon the challis and Stephen, I believe, will advise the church to increase its insurance cover and continue to keep it safely stored.

Overall the evening was excellent and well done to Helen. On looking through this year's Rotary booklet with photos the Club has certainly gained a lot of new members over the last five years or so. It is important that partners/spouses of these relatively new members are made welcome at functions such as this. In fact, I urge the new members to bring your partners to such events and on doing so for us to mix and mingle and not let them feel isolated. The next Fifth Friday event is being held at the Freemasons Hall on Friday 31st October which, again, is being organised by Helen, being a Murder Intrigue Dinner Party and it'll be Halloween Night.

Bob Thompson

John Brodey – Longer Serving Member



Speaker Rtn. John Brodey - 5th September 2014

John has been a member of this Rotary Club for over 32 years, he initially mentioned that he had given a similar talk on a number of occasions to the club, but not in recent years.

John's father came from Forest Gate, London; when WW1 started he tried to join the Royal Navy but was not accepted due to an apparent eye sight defect, although this did not affect him throughout his life. John mentioned that without this marginal decision to reject him from service with the Royal Navy he may have been killed in active service, then John and his late brother Ian and their families and Norbar Torque Tools Ltd would not have existed or employment for the 220 current day employees.

After WW1 John's father married but was unable to settle and immigrated to New Zealand in 1923 returning to the UK in 1935 with three children. He then worked in London for an American Tool importer Delapena. WW2 then started and the U-Boat campaign started to effect deliveries. John's father then moved to nearby Wroxton in 1940.

He set up a manufacturing workshop in North Bar to produce torque wrenches with the blessing of the Ministry of Supply. At that time he had four children and £300 in the Bank.

A torque wrench tightens nuts or bolts and automatically slips when it reaches the required set tension pressure. Torque wrenches were then in great demand by the UK aviation industries, such as Rolls Royce for the assembling Merlin engines then used in Spitfires, Hurricanes, Manchesters, Halifaxes and Lancasters. The cylinder heads had to be evenly tightened down with all the nuts to a set torque. Unfortunately after WW2 has ceased, the demand for torque wrenches virtually dried up.

John went to Dashwood Road Primary School, his headmaster was the late John Proctor, Past

President of this Club and Past District 109 Governor; he then attended Banbury Grammar School.

On leaving school John started work at Henry Stones furniture manufacturers as an apprentice carpenter. He was then called up for RAF National Service where he was a Radar Defence Operator plotting Russian planes etc. He mentioned that they only carried this out Monday to Friday, and they just hoped that the Russians did not realise they took weekends off.

John carried out an Engineering correspondence course and joined his father and brother at Norbar Torque Tools in 1957. He started at the bottom and became responsible for literature and packaging, the printed literature was then supplied by John Bennett. He then attended a number of sales courses.

His brother Ian was then running the production department, their father gave John a car for his birthday and told him to "get out and make some sales". Over the following years John set up a sales distribution network using Argos, Green Shield, House of Holland, Mail order and Own branding for other customers etc.

To cope with the ever growing sales they moved factory premises to Swan Close (Morrison's site) then later to Beaumont Road, they are now presently moving to Wildmere Road, into the former Hella site.

Norbar now have offices in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore and South Africa, they have twice been awarded the Queens Award for Export. The company is still family owned and run by the family, Ian & John's children.

Roger Worrall

Bernard Goodchild - the Galapagos Islands



Our speaker on Friday 12th September was our very own Bernard Goodchild. Bernard very kindly

stood in at short notice due to the District Governor being unable to keep his appointment.

He gave a talk entitled "My trip to the Galapagos Islands". The trip came about, due to his daughter Emma receiving a bonus from work and his wife telling her to spend it something that she wanted and she chose a diving holiday in the Galapagos Islands.

Bernard explained the significance of the group of islands (situated in the Pacific Ocean) and their connection with Charles Darwin some 175 years earlier. The islands were one of the first wave of sites registered by World Heritage in 1978.

Bernard had a recording of the adventure which he planned to show the club and talk us through the video.

All started well and the title showed on screen, unfortunately the presentation equipment could not cope with the format and the video ran at a snail's pace and the stunning pictures of the deep sea fish and mammals were not shown at their best.

Bernard did a magnificent job of filling us in to the magic of the deep without the assistance of the video. He obviously enjoyed his 'paddling' in the deep which came across in his enthusiastic presentation.

He explained the importance of protecting such beautiful natural living museum and showcase of evolution. It was probably one of his most memorable experiences.

We thank him for taking the trouble to share his trip with us.

Harry Matthews

Anthony and Carolanne – Calvert Trust Visit



Our speakers on 19th September were Anthony Munday and Carolanne from The Griffiths Centre which provides post 16 education at Frank Wise School. It helps prepare students to become active

participants and contributors to society whilst achieving the highest degree of personal independence.

This is the 2nd year our club have sponsored Griffiths Centre students to visit the Calvert Trust in Exmoor which specialises in enabling people to experience exciting, challenging and enjoyable outdoor activities.

Two students, Carolanne and Aiden, went on the programme and gave an enjoyable & informative talk. Both of them said it had helped to boost their confidence and we were delighted to confirm that the Youth Services committee have recommended our club again supports two Students from Frank Wise to attend the Calvert Trust Programme in May 2015.

Katie & Angela, Support Workers from the Griffiths Centre also accompanied Anthony & Carolanne.

Phil Cavill

Lucinda Bourne Swinton Hunter - New Generation Exchange Visit



Our Speaker on Friday 26th September was Lucinda Bourne Swinton Hunter, who lives in Willington, near Shipston-on-Stour. She is well known to our Club having been a winner of our own Young Musician competition.

In April 2013 whilst completing her "A" levels in the final year at Tudor Hall School, Lucinda applied to take part in the Rotary District 1090 New Generation Exchange Programme. She gave an enthusiastic "Snap shot" presentation accompanied by pictures of her home life and her travels during the Exchange tour.

On the 3rd January 2014, after much emailing, planning and briefings by Rotarians, she was flying across the Atlantic to Auburn, New York State, America.

Arriving in a temperature of -20°C and 2 feet of snow she was met at the local Airport by her host from the Rotary Club of Auburn

During the next 2 months in the United States, Lucinda really got to grips with the American culture and way of life. She said how fortunate she was to stay with two lovely families, the Ferros and the Butlers, and attending Auburn Rotary Club every week really made her feel part of the community.

The Ferros, hosting family were also owners the Reva Rollerdrome and that gave Lucinda the opportunity to go rollerskating almost every day, when free time permitted. Fine for the first week or so and by which time she became quite proficient, meaning she could skate backwards! Then on a fateful evening disaster struck! She endured a rather nasty fall managing to break the left wrist. In her own words:

"and it wasn't pretty. I'd like to think I'm fairly "manly" when it comes to pain and I managed to last the first 10 minutes tear free. And then I saw that an apple sized lump was growing out of my wrist. So I now get to spend the next 5-8 weeks with a cast and only one hand!"

Mentioning that she had an interest in a career in the Legal profession she was introduced to Law - American style. She was able to shadow her hosts in the local Drug Court, Family Courts and even had the opportunity to read through cases and sit in on meetings. Lucinda became very much aware of the problems with drugs and alcohol abuse and was impressed by the way some people managed to turn their lives around by taking advantage of the help given them.

Lucinda also managed time to make some visits, notably to Niagara Aquarium and Niagara Falls. She also went up the Tower of the Town Clock with the timekeeper and was given the opportunity to wind it up.

Like every other Tuesday Lucinda went to the Lunchtime Rotary Club meeting, where they always had a guest speaker. On one particular occasion Lucinda was given the floor to speak.

Her time had arrived and she gave a presentation, showing a multitude of pictures of her home, Stratford-Upon-Avon, the family/dog, classic English things, the Banbury Rotary Club etc. They looked intrigued and she really enjoyed herself.

The last rotary meeting was quite surreal.

"Nobody could quite believe I had spent 7 weeks in America; it felt like a few days! I gave a short

"goodbye" speech (and when I say short, I mean my version of short i.e. a good 5-10 minutes!?) and just said some "thank-yous". I handed over the District 1090 badges (Banbury District) and received a very bright orange banner of the Auburn Rotary. I was also given a number of small gifts for me... A mug with pictures of all the places I had worked, some postcards of the Finger Lakes in different seasons, a beautiful navy scarf with the Rotary symbol on it and a book of Auburn in the last century.

Whilst I was very very grateful for the generosity of the gifts, as I received more and more, I was becoming more and more concerned about the space (or lack thereof) in my suitcase.

A lasting memory is the 100 "Oh My God you're English" when meeting people for the first time.

I got so much out of the Rotary Exchange.

Many thanks to the wonderful Rotary clubs of New York State and the Rotary Club of Banbury for doing so much to make this exchange happen; I could not be more excited or grateful!



After her presentation Lucinda was presented with Certificate of Achievement and Appreciation.

Following the meeting Lucinda travelled by road to Durham University for "freshers week" before taking up a place where she will be studying for the next three years....

For anyone interested in finding out more about Lucinda's Exchange see her Blog

<http://britabroad2013.blogspot.co.uk/>

Geoff Pollard

Mystery and Murder

Rotary Club of Banbury

Happy Halloween

**FIFTH FRIDAY
MURDER DINNER**

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER 2014
6.30pm for start at 7.00pm

£17.50 a Ticket

Happy Halloween

**Venue:
Freemasons' Hall,
Marlborough Road
Banbury
OX16 8DB**

Contact: Helen Morris or Nigel Yeadon

Need to know by 10th October for
invitations to be sent to you by 17th October

Want to celebrate Halloween? Our next fifth Friday dinner is on Friday 31st October and we are planning a Murder Intrigue Dinner Party.

The ticket price at £17.50 includes the game, Halloween theme and a three course meal by Pink Peppercorn Caterers. A pay bar will be available.

This event is organised for Rotary Club of Banbury, Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell, Inner Wheel Club of Banbury, Tangent Club of Banbury, 41 Club, Banbury Rotaract & Interact and Banbury Probus members and their partners only.

Tickets are limited in number to a total of 64, applications to Helen Morris or Nigel Yeadon as soon as possible.

Club Diary

The Club diary for the full Rotary year can be found on our website including details of our guest speakers.

Twitter

At the time of going to print we now have 1050 on our Twitter page.

Polio Eradication

An extract from the RIBI website:

We are especially dedicated to ending polio. Our members have persevered in this fight since 1979 and have now helped eradicate the disease in all but three countries worldwide.

Although polio has not been seen in Great Britain and Ireland for many years, it is vital that we continue our efforts to eliminate the disease worldwide in order that it can never return. Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland have so far donated over £20 million (€24 million) to End Polio Now.

Our efforts to eradicate polio have been described as one of the finest humanitarian projects the world has ever known and Rotary has even been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The eradication of polio when completed will be one of the most significant achievements in public health since the eradication of smallpox.

RIBI Donations Trust

Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) set up the RIBI Donations Trust in 2007 to administer its appeal for the UK flooding crisis.

The purpose of the charity is to respond to major disasters at home and abroad in the reconstruction phase following a disaster. It is not intended for emergency responses as this is already covered by many other charities and organisations. Typical projects include constructing and equipping school and community centres, rebuilding infrastructure and providing new rescue vehicles.

Welcome to Rotary



We offer a very warm welcome to our newest member, Peter Wilkins, whose Classification is "Dental Surgery", and who will initially serve on our International Committee.

Around the Committees

President's Business

Contact Club - John Hansford and David Hitchcox to arrange interest meeting date for visit to Aalen Heidenheim in May 2015.

Ebola Crisis - International Committee proposed and Council agreed to a collection day at Castle Quay Shopping Centre on 11th October in support of Rotary Clubs of Marlow/Monrovia initiative. Andrew Fairbairn will source branding for collection tins, A4 Boards and the Ebola in Monrovia/Liberia information for collectors to use. Laurie Cunningham from Banbury Cherwell Club has indicated they will also support this initiative.

Club 80th Birthday - Ian Calderbank and a small group are working on this project. A detailed budget will be provided and a subsidy for ticket prices will be proposed.

Katherine House Green Energy Project - John Hansford has met with Chief Executive, Jane Miles. KHH are keen to pursue the project and JH has committed to completing a costed plan proposal by January 2015. A decision on going ahead or not will then be taken.

Rotary Calendars for 2015 Club participation was discussed and it was decided not to support this project.

District Conference March 2015- Ian C & Phil plus partners visited Telford on Tuesday 23rd Sept to look at Hotel, Conference and Restaurant venues. Rooms have been booked at the Holiday Inn, meal quotes received and Ian will send out details of the proposed program, costs and a booking confirmation in the next two weeks.

Club Website & Digital Media - Committee Chairs & Communications Ambassadors were asked to update their website pages if not done already and begin posting stories about latest news / projects. Send copy to Ron Barnett or Reg McLean for the website, Phil or Ian Calderbank for Facebook & Twitter and Ron Barnett for the Monthly Bulletin.

Further training to access and load data to the website for Communications Ambassadors will be arranged.

Hon Secretary

Leave of absence agreed for Geoff Pollard 24th October to 14th November and Malcolm Dibb 6 months from 19th September.

New member Peter Wilkins inducted on 19th September takes membership to 73 plus honorary members.

Hon Treasurer

Free Funds are currently £5,414.56

The Contact Reserve stands at £5,690.26 and the Club Draw adds a further £350/400 per annum. It was agreed to allocate funds to other causes for the next two years. After much debate it was agreed the third and fourth years would revert to the Contact Reserve as JH believes a reserve of approx' £6,500 is required to cover risks.

House Committees

Membership & PR - Would like the issue of Disabled Access at Masonic Hall to be raised, also members sitting in same seats every week. Should table draw numbers be re-introduced?

Programme - Helen Morris was thanked for her good work, speakers booked until end November. Council members were asked to assist where possible with speaker suggestions to Helen. Murder Intrigue Party planned for 5th Friday on Halloween Night.

Sports & Entertainment -

- 4 B's Golf Tournament at Bicester Golf Club on 7th October.
- Go Karting arranged for the brave at Oxford on 15th October at 10.15 am.
- Theatre Trip planned - 'That will be the day' 30th November in Aylesbury.
- Club Darts confirmed at Cricket Club on 19th January 2015.
- Visit to Guide Dogs for the Blind confirmed Thursday 19th February 2015.
- Club Outing - Visit to HMS Belfast and Tower Bridge on 7th April 2015.

Community & Vocational Committee

Pat Thomas and Peggy Williams have sent copy for the new Committee page on website. Suggested recipients for Club Draw monies were Beacon Trust and Brodey Bursary. Four Christmas Street Organ collection dates agreed with Tesco and Sainsbury.

Foundation Committee

Stephen's Summer steaming raised £740 towards club Foundation target.

Members' donations to Foundation with Subs stand at £1460

Presidents Polio Pot has raised £235 so far.

Set Up Costs for Family Festival of Christmas Music
£1500

“End Polio Now” day is on 24th October - Activities include Crocus Bulb Planting at 7 Secondary Schools and 2 Primary Schools. 40 Focus on the Crocus Badge Kits distributed to Shops in Banbury and Secondary Schools involved in the concerts.

International Committee

Andrew Fairbairn agreed 11th October as collection day for Ebola Crisis linked to Rotary Club of Monrovia and Marlow.

Emergency Response Committee members were confirmed as 1st Vice President (Ian Calderbank), Andrew Fairbairn, Alan Wolstencroft and Nigel Randall.

Youth Services Committee

£200 for Books to Harriet wells to support her Masters Degree Course.

Possible candidate for a Youth Exchange visit to Japan being considered.

Agreed to use RIBI Entry Format for Young Musician and Young Chef. This include permissions for Photography and Publicity with entrants.

The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for October 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
03 Oct	H. Matthews M. Phillips G. Pollard M. Recchia F. Riches I. Roderick	N. Randall R. Thompson	J. Phillips	E. Woodruff
10 Oct	P. Shea J. Smith J. Webb Peggy Williams A. Wiltshire A. Wolstencroft	P. Thomas A. Warren	D. Barlow	R. Kipping
17 Oct	R. Worrall N. Yeadon I. Anthistle M. Banks R. Barnett J. Bennett	R. Anker H. Braisby	D. Blakey	S. Crump
24 Oct	S. Bion A. Brace T. Bryce I. Calderbank B. Cornley B. Croft	J. Brodey M. Budd	J. Cooke	M. Humphris
31 Oct	Evening Meeting	M. Dibb M. Douglas		S. Jakemen

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

Speaker Programme for October/November

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
3 Oct	Simon Townsend	Banbury Museum	Andrew Fairbairn
10 Oct	Sarah Bourne	A Musical Trip to Chennai	Gareth Jeremy
17 Oct	Eleanor Green	Maggie's Oxford	John Webb
24 Oct	Bryan Doe	Longer Serving Member	Tony Brace
31 Oct	5 th Friday Murder Dinner	Freemasons' Hall	Helen Morris
7 Nov	Rachel Hodson	Breast Cancer	Surinda Dhesi
14 Nov		Special General Meeting	
21 Nov	Tim Cowling	District Governor	President
28 Nov	Nigel Deakin	Head of Beacon Centre Banbury 20 years old in October	Fred Riches