



The October Diary

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Children Singing for Children Concerts



Young people from Queensway Primary School eagerly practising for this year's Children Singing for Children Concerts taking place at 6:30 pm on 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th November, 2014 at St Mary's Church, Banbury.

A record 28 primary schools and around 700 Children will take part in this year's concerts organised by the Rotary Club of Banbury. A fourth evening has been added for the second year running due to their popularity with local schools and the Banbury public.

The children will experience performing with professional musicians and each school's choir will sing two songs of their own choice based on a "One World Theme", and three songs, including "World in Union", with the massed choir in the finale.

The concerts will also feature performances by young soloists.

Now in the 13th year of the new series, the concerts have raised over £48,000 for Children's Charities. This year the main beneficiaries will be:-

- 'One-Eighty' which is an Oxfordshire based charity that works to transform the lives of children on the fringes of education and society; and.
- School Projects in Freetown, Sierra Leone to aid development at 2 schools including the building of classrooms and toilet blocks.

Last year's event funded the building of one of the 8 new classrooms at the Liverpool Community School, Waterloo, Freetown.

We're really grateful to the children, teachers, musicians and volunteers who have continued to make this wonderful event possible - now for the 13th year. We're fortunate having a concert venue like St Mary's so that schools and Rotary can organise concerts together to support children in need locally and across the world.

This year's participating schools are:

Queensway Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School
Harriers Banbury Academy
Hill View Primary School
Newbottle and Charlton CE Primary School
Great Rollright CE Primary School
Dashwood Banbury Academy
Deddington CE Primary School
Bishop Carpenter CE School
Hanwell Fields Community School
Farthinghoe Primary School
Greatworth Primary School
Chacombe CE Primary School
Bishop Loveday CE Primary School
Shenington CE Primary School
Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School
St John's RC Primary School
King's Sutton Primary Academy
Carrdus School
St Mary's CE Primary School
St Leonard's CE Primary School
Sibford School
Cropredy CE School
The Grange Community Primary School
Frank Wise School

With guest artistes:

James and Lauren Barlow
Anna Hassall & Vanessa Ankomah
Will Healy
Diego Sunga
Florence Cain

Four fantastic evening's entertainment for all the family.

Performances last for 90 minutes and admission is by ticket only. Tickets priced at £5 are available initially through participating schools any remaining tickets will then be available from 29th October at Fashion Fabrics, 13 Parsons St, Banbury. Tel No 01295 262764 or 266728.

Banbury Canal Day



Sunday October 5th, Canal day, and the weather was bright and sunny if a little chilly.

We erected our new gazebo with many enthusiastic colleagues helping the stalwart workers.

We had plenty of volunteer's, including Cherwell Rotary throughout the day, promoting Membership, Crocus appeal, Tour De Trigs & of course The Archery & Ball Game.

Harry Matthews, wearing his purple polo-shirt interacted with the public with gusto persuading many passers by to donate for a crocus badge and encouraging, helping younger children to shoot and aim at Helen Braisby.

It was a worthwhile, enjoyable and profitable day, promoting Rotary and raising £105 for our charity funds.

Pat Thomas

Ebola in Liberia



The Rotary Clubs of Banbury and Banbury Cherwell are combining with the Marlow Club to address the desperate situation in West Africa.

They are working with the Rotary Club of Monrovia in Liberia where already thousands of people have died in the Ebola outbreak, and the number has continued to rise.

Liberia, followed by Sierra Leone, are the worst hit countries.

The crisis has led to panic, rioting and fear. The hospitals are not equipped to cope; many have no gloves, no masks, no fresh water, even Doctors are dying!

The Rotary Club of Marlow has been in touch with the Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia's capital city. They have commenced action with vigour, good sense, and with a real knowledge of what is needed.

They found, can you believe, that the largest hospital in Monrovia had not even one standard Ebola protective garment.

By August 16th the Rotary Club of Monrovia have given local hospitals 3000 surgical gloves, 10,000 examination gloves, 100 buckets with faucets, and petrol slips for the rapid response vehicles.

Further, they have embarked on a global campaign to raise USD \$100,000.00 for this cause. They are engaging with local churches to raise funds, and to distribute the required items.

The Collection at Castle Quay Shopping Centre on Saturday 11th October raised £741.24 and we would like to thank the people of Banbury for their generous donations.

Almost £20,000 has been raised by Rotary Clubs in District 1090 and all the money will be passed to the Rotary Club of Monrovia.

Phil Cavill

Go-karting at Oxford



On Wednesday 15th October 2014 twelve want to be Rotarian F1 drivers went Karting at Oxford. After the briefing and 4 warm up laps the group was split into two teams for 25 lap races. The fastest 6 and the more sedate 6 then raced off against each other for another 25 laps!!

With a damp track, there were plenty of spins and a few bumps but we all had a thoroughly exciting and enjoyable time. The winner was Johnny (Herbert) Webb, second Nigel (Mansell) Yeadon and a close third Malcolm (no F1 names come to mind) Douglas.

A good lunch, Rotary fellowship and some technical discussions about tyres, corner lines and bragging was enjoyed at The Royal Sun, Begbrook afterwards, definitely recommend the home cooked deep filled pies!

Thanks to Andy and his team at Oxford Karting for a good time and Bob Thompson for organising the day.

Phil Cavill

End Polio Now Day



Friday 24th October was designated the World End Polio Now day.

Rotary became involved with the Polio campaign in 1985, and in 1988 they were joined by the W.H.O., the U.N., UNICEF and other organisations, with the ultimate goal of ridding the world of Polio.

Some numbers for you!

- In 1985 350,000 people were struck by Polio.
- In 2013 the number was down to 223.
- We are 99% of the way to eradicating this terrible disease, 'this close to ending polio'
- 2.5 billion Children have been immunised globally since 1988.
- The majority of Children that get Polio are under age 5
- The number of countries still with Polio is 3 - Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.
- It takes 2 drops of polio vaccine to immunise a child.
- The cost of protecting a child against polio is 40 pence.

Our club has consistently been a strong supporter of End Polio Now.

Thanks to Fred's idea for Crocus Concerts, our club was the highest contributor to the campaign in District 1090 last year, with over \$12,000 donated.

The ultimate goal is to see the world rid of Polio by 2018, which means the last case has to be recorded in 2015 as it takes 3 years to say a country is polio free.

As the End Polio Now website says 'let's show the world that when Rotarians start something, they finish it!'

Crocus Bulb Planting



Armed with a sheaf of A4 posters and a reel of sellotape, Rotarian Harry Matthews was spotted labelling lampposts, pillar boxes and gates along Spiceball Park Road early on the morning of Monday 20th October with directions to Bridge Street Park!

This was the first venue for this year's Crocus Planting in support of the "End Polio Now" Campaign. A posse of Rotarians approached the site from all angles, several descending from the Railway Bridge and thus missing all the Matthews Signage!



Fortunately, Park Rangers Mike, Steve and Richard from the Town Council, were promptly at the scene with a selection of planting implements so that Rotarian "Flasher" Morris was able to capture the happy band of some 14 Rotarians looking bright and enthusiastic before they attempted to wield said implements to raise sods and drop some 500 bulbs in what was euphemistically terms "a drift".



As bodies began to use spades as Zimmer frames rather than tools, the assembled team was hailed from a distance by Rotarian Webb, who pronounced on his arrival "You've all contravened the Health & Safety Code and need to dig 'em up and start again". As tools morphed once more from zimmers to weapons, Organman must have recovered from the attack, as he was seen in good health at lunch on Friday!



Friday 24th was of course World Polio Day itself, and the piece de resistance of Rotarian Matthews' plan came to fruition when another 500 bulbs were planted that very morning in St Mary's Churchyard, doubling the 500 planted the previous year. Once again a Park Ranger, Ian, was on hand with the necessary equipment and this time the ageing band of willing Rotarians was given superb support by an energetic group of children and staff from Frank Wise School.



It was noted that Rotarian Humphris arrived with his personal spade for this session, having made do with the Council's equipment on Monday. Those present could only surmise that he was expecting to dig deeper in Friday's surroundings, where he clearly felt more at home making various-sized holes with deft lunges of his spade blade.

The Crocus Concerts Project thus has got off to a great start in its second year. Some 4500 bulbs have been planted at the nine secondary schools taking part. A further 500 were planted by the members of Bloxham Primary School Choir under the watchful eyes of President Phil, who accompanied Rtns Matthews and Riches, sporting their "End Polio Now" Polo Shirts at the event.



Phil, Harry and John Bennett will present an "End Polio Now" assembly at the school on November 5th as the whole school takes ownership of the project. Middleton Cheney choir members will also be planting bulbs in November and both of these choirs (who were unable to join in the "Children singing for Children" Concerts this year) will be staging their own Crocus Concerts in their local villages in March.

Following our renewed bid for support from their "Grand Ideas Fund", Sanctuary Housing have again decided to donate £1000 to the project - asking that we work with their local partnerships manager and team to involve the community and the residents they support. More bulbs are to be planted early in November at Princess Diana Park by students from North Oxfordshire Academy and near retirement living homes on Bretch Hill Estate. It is hoped that some residents will be able to attend one of the big Crocus Concerts at St Mary's on March 5th or 10th or that a few performers can visit one or two of the retirement homes to entertain residents.

As October ends, Rtn Matthews will complete the first phase of this academic year's project by rounding up the forty boxes of Crocus Badges he managed to place in outlets across the town. Our Town Mayor was seen wearing his badge proudly at

the Town Hall's Evening in aid of the Beacon Centre on Saturday, but Harry's top PR stunt was definitely to get all the local taxi drivers to sport a crocus badge in their car for the whole month of October!

Thanks to all the working party for their work so far and particularly to Harry, who has worn considerably the tread on both his car tyres and shoe leather in the quest to ensure that Banburyshire Schools and the whole community can work with Rotary to help eradicate Polio by 2018!

Fred Riches

Cavill's Clippings



The Community and Vocational Meeting on 1st October finalised plans for our Rotary Canal Day presence, dates for the Christmas Street Organ Collections at Tesco and Sainsbury and the Party for the Blind were discussed and agreed.

On 2nd October, Di and I joined Annie Phillips and other attendees for the Early Bird Supper at the Cricket Club, donations from the evening were made to Crocus Concert set up costs, so a big thank you Annie!!



An early morning start picking up Helen Braisby on the 5th October, as we set up the Rotary Gazebo for Banbury Canal Day. Members were keen to help and many hands made light work. It was a lovely day weather wise and a huge turnout from the Banbury

Public. This is a good flag waving event for Rotary in Banbury and Cherwell Club members were on hand helping for most of the day. Big thanks to Helen Braisby and Pat Thomas for organising our presence and manning the stand all day.

Wednesday 8th October was the 4 B's Golf Day at Bicester Golf Club, (that's Rotary Clubs in Banbury, Brackley, Bicester and Buckingham). I played well on the front 9 but fell apart on the back 9 as the wind and rain came through. An enjoyable occasion though, good to meet and chat with the other local club members.

On Monday 13th October Dorothy Cantrell, President of Banbury Cherwell Club, and I had a 2nd meeting this year to discuss our club programmes. We agreed to work jointly on generic Rotary events in Banbury, the recent Ebola appeal and Canal Day are good examples of this. We are also advising each other of forthcoming club social occasions and encouraging respective member support where possible.

On Wednesday 15th October Bob Thompson and the Sports and Entertainment Committee arranged a days Go-Karting for 12 wannabe Rotarian F1 Drivers. With a damp track and slick tyres there were plenty of bumps and spins but we had an exciting morning with every-one able to do 2 x 25 lap stints driving. Technical discussions about grip, corner apexes and much bragging took place over a super lunch at the Royal Sun in Begbrook afterwards. The winner was Johnny (Herbert) Webb, with Nigel (Mansell) Yeadon and Malcolm (Campbell) Douglas in 2nd and 3rd places.

On the evening of 15th October I attended the Youth Services and International Committee Meetings at Banbury House Hotel. Both were good meetings but attendance from members was very low and I would ask please for you to support your chairs by turning up for meetings.

Thursday 16th October was again an early start with a project meeting for Children Singing for Children, 8.00 am at Malcolm Dibbs' Cornish Pasty Shop!! Very well project managed by Jonathan and his group.

Monday 20th October was the Meet the Scholars event at Badgemore Park Golf Club, Henley-on-Thames. Martin Phillips and I met the six incoming scholars from Germany, Australia and the USA. The subjects being studied are all based around the 6 Rotary Areas of Focus, covering Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Growing Local Economies and Improving Education. Very impressive people, this

year we are not hosting a scholar but we will try to arrange a visit and talk.

Crocus Bulb Planting at Bloxham Primary School with Harry and Fred on Wednesday 22nd October, what a delight, followed by our Monthly Council Meeting. My better half provided a Sausage Casserole for the after meeting food which seemed well received by those present!!

More Crocus bulb planting on Friday 24th October at St Mary's Church in Banbury with children from Frank Wise school, hoping for a nice warm winter with plenty of rain and a good show in Spring 2015. Followed by our weekly meeting at which we celebrated Tony and Mavis Brace's Diamond Wedding Anniversary and marked World End Polio Now Day!!

What a busy and enjoyable month October has been!!

Phil Cavill

Sir Nicholas Winton



Rotarian Sir Nicholas Winton, former President and member of the Rotary Club of Maidenhead, flew to Prague to receive the Order of The White Lion, the Czech Republic's highest honour.

Sir Nicholas, who is 105, received the honour from Czech President Milos Zeman at a special ceremony at Prague Castle.

Better known as the British Oskar Schindler, Sir Nicholas Winton saved 669 Czech Jewish children from the Nazi Holocaust by using his powers as a diplomat to organise their transport to the UK before the Second World War.

A Rotarian for more than 40 years, Sir Nicholas was last year inducted into the Rotarian Peace Hall of Fame at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

Speaker Reports

Simon Townsend – Banbury munitions factory



On 3rd October Simon Townsend, Museum Director at the recently formed Banbury Museum Trust (established November 2013), provided an example of Banbury local history with a presentation based upon the Banbury munitions factory, an important element of the war effort in WW1 from 1916 onwards.

Not only local history, but also a history of locals known to us. It transpires that David Hitchcox's father was in charge of the engineering section. Gladys Sangster (mother of Ron who is the Chairman of the Tour de Trigs to which our Club provides critical support) was a 'canary baby' - the colour of her skin when she was born was affected by the chemicals her mother used in preparing the explosives.

Similarly, the Humphris family were also active at that time with the post war acquisition of a building which was moved to, and reconstructed on, their Albert Street site where it remains to this day (now used as a coffin store).

How many other Rotarians have family links with this and other periods of local history? Simon and his colleagues would be delighted to know.

Aside from the physical evidence available (both documentary and on the ground), Simon referred to the significant ramifications for the ensuing socio-economic outlook with what turned out to be an irreversible entry for woman moving from their traditional working domain to becoming competitors in the previously male preserve of the industrial workplace.

Fascinating times. More information is available for free at the museum.

Andrew Fairbairn.

Sarah Bourne Swinton Hunter – A Musical Trip to Chennai



On 10th October Sarah Bourne Swinton Hunter enthralled us with her memories of when she travelled to Chennai, India in February of last year with an outreach team from Tudor Hall School.

The purpose of her trip was to teach the children of Ebenezer Living Word Matriculation School to sing 'Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' during a week spent in the school, and the pupils aged 3 to 16 had the opportunity to discover the joy of group singing, practise the songs, play percussion instruments and learn the recorder.

Other members of the Tudor Hall team taught history, science and art to the children.

The climax of the trip was a final sing-through at the end of the week in front of parents and other friends and supporters. The vagaries of the local electricity supply (which was needed for the electronic keyboard), in Chennai provided an additional challenge, but the final performance was a rousing success and provided a host of special memories for all who were involved.

Gareth Jeremy

Eleanor Green – Maggies



Maggies, "People with cancer need places like these".

The talk at the Friday lunch meeting on October 17th was given by Eleanor Green the Centre Fundraising Manager from Maggies, Oxford.

Maggies is a network of centres set up since 1996, the first centre being opened that year in Edinburgh, to give support to people who have cancer in any form.

The inspiration for these centres was a lady called Maggie Jenks who was diagnosed with cancer and lived for a further seven years after diagnosis but found that many questions she and her family wanted answers to were not being addressed within her care plan. She felt that this was due to the length of appointments, which averaged then, and still averages now at seven minutes, and the limited knowledge of some doctors regarding diet, fitness regimes and family matters, and she and her husband resolved to do something about this in the time she had left.

Maggie worked for the last two years of her life with interested parties to make sure that every patient would not "Lose the joy of living in the fear of dying!" To do this she needed a place where cancer sufferers could go just for a rest and a cup of tea after treatment, or to receive advice on financial matters which concerned many sufferers, especially when they needed to give up work because of the way they were affected by their treatment which could be very debilitating in some circumstances.

There are now 18 centres around the country, all of them built with public subscription. There is no charge at the point of use for anyone, and each centre has a small staff of professionals who will listen for as long as it takes, and share experiences and advice.

All are professionals in their chosen field and are usually experts in practical support, emotional support, and social support. The range of services offered ranges from questions regarding diet, a library of supportive reading, liaison with local hospices, Tai-Chi, children teenage and sibling support and, of course, all the questions the patient thought of after they left their consultation where they received the news of their condition.

Right next to the Cancer and Haematology Centre at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford is the latest Maggies Centre. Purpose built by Wilkinson Eyre, Architects, it supplies all the services mentioned in a modern building which is a far cry from their location in a portakabin at the back of the hospital which was not the most welcoming of places.

Eleanor stressed that we were well served for cancer treatments at the Churchill and Maggies

will work alongside this hospital to deliver first class support as required. She said that, although we moan about travelling twenty miles from Banbury to Oxford, these facilities are "on our doorstep" when we compare some of the distances patients travel to access these treatments, and journeys for patients from Milton Keynes, Swindon, and Hemel Hempstead were not uncommon.

The feedback from users of Maggies showed 94% felt less worried after a visit to the centre and 99% found the aspects of support helpful or very helpful which showed there was a need for the services provided, and that these services were being successfully delivered.

In his response to the speaker Rotarian Webb talked of several of our club members who had received treatment at the Churchill Hospital including himself, and had praise and commendation of their individual experiences. These Rotarians had the support of other club members regarding transport and advice but he could see that those without this support would appreciate the help that Maggies could offer and wished the centres and staff well for the future.

J. Webb

Bryan Doe – Long Serving Member



Our speaker on Friday 24th October was our own Bryan Does who was born in Lincolnshire in 1931, the second son of John Doe. As a child he was a modest, unassuming boy!! enjoying life in the village of Saxilby, located 6 miles from Lincoln. At that time earning a living was not particularly easy but his father had a go at anything that would earn a bob or two. He built a new family home in 1938 (for £700 including the land) and in 1935-1944 was a Coal Merchant.

His future could have been very different from his chosen profession. In 1942 his father realised a small business potential. He bought a field, a

chicken hut, crushing rollers, rotating screen, wheelbarrows and shovels and started making poultry grit (planning permission was not a problem in those days!). He decided this was not for him, but today the family business produces 600-700 tons of grit a month and is a fully automated factory making Pigeon, Poultry, Turkey, Budgie, Canary and Ostridge grit etc. which is sold in Europe as well as the UK. Today the factory covers a 5 acre site and is now owned by his brother and his son and is I believe the only factory of this kind in the UK.

His school days were spent as a boarder at De Aston Grammar School, Market Rasen. It was here that he had a traumatic start as he was naturally left handed, but was made to write right handed. He well remembers a certain teacher giving him a sharp rap on the knuckles as he walked by to remind him. This did not stop him in his favourite occupation of sport, he played tennis, football and cricket left handed, but golf right handed.

He enjoyed his school days and as a teenager wanted to be a Vet, but after two weeks work experience found he could not stand the sight of blood among other things!

So an Engineer he would be!

He started my engineer training as an Articled Pupil to the City Engineer of Lincoln, but as soon as he had completed his training he had to spend two years doing National Service with the Royal Artillery Survey from 1954-1956. He found Army life boring and frustrating. Fortunately being reasonable at sport did help to pass the time, and he marries Elaine while still in the army.

In 1956 back in civvy street, he returned to Lincoln, qualified as a Civil Engineer, and over the next eleven years gained promotion with appointments in Newark, Skegness and Bicester.

Whilst in Skegness he was a member of Round Table, a lively club, and he thoroughly enjoyed his time as a member. He was in the middle of his year as Chairman in 1967 when the opportunity came to move to Bicester as Engineer and Surveyor to the Urban District Council. He assured Elaine they would only stay in Oxfordshire for 2 or 3 years, but are still here 47 years later!

Local Government was reorganised in 1974 and Cherwell District Council was established. He was initially appointed as Chief Engineer but later the department was extended and he had a new title of Chief Technical Services Officer.

He and Elaine married in 1955, they have 2 children, son Paul, who is the Chief Executive of a Housing Association in London, and daughter Beverley, a full-time Mum married to Mike, a GP in Devon. They have 5 grandchildren who have all graduated and now pursuing their respective careers.

After 40 years in Local Government he opted for early retirement in 1991.

A few months prior to retirement he had quite a fright when after a routine test, a malignant tumour was found on a lung. Fortunately it was operable and he made a complete recovery. He decided someone was telling me to live life to the full, and he has tried to fulfil this with travel, golf, watching sport, enjoying the family and trying not to worry.

He has endeavoured to assist with community work and in particular served 18 years as a member and Chairman for 2 years, on the Management Committee of the Twyford Oxfordshire Cheshire Home.

He has enjoyed Rotary, was a member of the Bicester Club until 1976, and was invited to join the Banbury Club in 1982, contributing to its work and reputation, District activities and Contact Clubs.

He was really enjoying my time as President in the Club's 60th year, but will never forget that year's Contact visit to Villefranche and his unscheduled visit to the local hospital very early in the morning. Fortunately the French are familiar with problems of men and their water works!!

A warning to members visiting Villefranche.

BEWARE THE BEAUJOLAIS

Bryan Doe



Young Musician of the Year 2015



The Young Musician Competition for 2015 is now open for entries.

The Competition, which is organised by the Rotary Club of Banbury and now in its 25th year, will be held at Sibford School, Sibford Ferris. Preliminary Rounds on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th January 2015, and the Finals on Saturday 28th February 2015.

This competition has run successfully for many years, giving many young people valuable performance experience and, for some, it has been a launch-pad towards a career in Music.

Apart from competing for one of the many trophies, this year a prize of £100 will be awarded to the Young Musician of the Year, £80 to the winning Ensemble, and £10 to the best Junior Musician.

Entries are open to soloists, duets, trios, quartets or ensembles for musicians between the ages of 8 and 19 years.

Competition organiser, Gareth Jeremy, said "I have been amazed every year how many talented young people there are in the Banbury area, and each year the standard seems to get higher and higher. It is no surprise that many of those who have taken part have gone on to a professional career in music. I'm very much looking forward this year's competition."

Full details of the competition and entry forms can be obtained from One Man Band White Lion Shopping Walk, Banbury or on the Rotary Club website www.banburyrotaryclub.org.uk

Young Chef of the Year 2015



Calling all Young Chefs

The two Rotary Clubs in Banbury are once again organising a local heat of the Rotary National Chef competition.

This represents an excellence personal development opportunity for those young people who have an interest in cooking and/ or a career in hospitality and catering.

The competition is open to all students in full time education between ages 11 and 17 on 31st August 2014 and is a well-established and successful event that is promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. Filippo Berio are sponsors

The aim is to encourage young people to:

- Learn how to cook a healthy meal
- Develop food presentation skills
- Consider food hygiene issues
- Develop organisational and planning skills
- Develop an ability to cope in a demanding situation

Each finalist receives a free Chef's Jacket, hat and apron supplied by Sew Sublime in Banbury and the winner and runner-up also win attractive trophies.

Trophies are also awarded for the subsequent 3 rounds of the competition. The winner of the National Final has the opportunity to spend time visiting a well know London restaurant and a visit the Olive Fields of Filippo Berio in Italy

The local final of the competition will take place at the Banbury and Bicester College, Broughton Road, Banbury on Tuesday 20th January 2015. In the past 3 years the winner of the local Banbury heat has gone on to win the next round of the competition.

Entry to the competition is free and a full information package, including an application form is available from Rotarian Bernard Goodchild - bernardgoodchild@timetalk.co.uk , tel. 01295 279227

Club Diary

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

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 - Collection day at Castle Quay Shopping Centre on 11th October raised £741.24. Thanks recorded to Andrew Fairbairn and both our club members and those of Banbury Cherwell for their support. A cheque has been forwarded to Rotary Club of Marlow. By October 8th the total promised by District 1090 Clubs was £20,000, so far £7000 in cash has been forwarded to the Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia.

Club 80th Birthday - October 2015 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. Banbury Town Hall and Gaydon Motor Museum are being considered as possible venues.

District Conference March 2015 - Arrangements progressing well, 26 members and partners have booked to attend. We will have a club dinner on Friday 6th, following which some will then go on to the Fun Factory event. 22 people will attend the District governors Gala Dinner on 7th March.

Projects / Club Sponsorship - Some concern that different Project / Service Committees are approaching the same companies/organisations for sponsor funding without being aware of each other's approach and may give different information about the Club. Agreed that all Committee Chairs should include in their minutes details of which companies are approached and to raise at Council meetings. President/Secretary/Treasurer to draft a generic letter re club history and background.

Storage - Club property, archives & printed materials are currently stored by members at home /garage. A number have asked for a central storage point to free up space at home. Enquiries to be made about purchasing a recycled lorry Container from three possible sources. Inventory of items to be collated and decision on container size taken. Estimated cost of a 20 foot container is £1,500.

Martin Phillips has confirmed storage could be at Banbury Cricket Club Ground.

Round Table - Christmas Food Hampers for 40 years Round Table have co-ordinated bulk collection and delivery of Christmas food parcels to approx' 350 needy individuals and other organisations such as Food banks etc. Due to dwindling numbers they have had to give this up and we have been asked if Rotary could take the project forward. Alan Wolstencroft, John Webb, John Hansford, David Hitchcox to meet with Round table contacts ref time/manpower required and make a recommendation.

Hon Secretary

Papers for the SGM on 14th November have been circulated to members.

Hon Treasurer

Free Funds are currently £4051.94

Set up costs for outstanding projects are £10,612. The Hon Treasurer recommends no further commitments until income from events starts to accrue.

House Committees

Membership and 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 January. Murder Intrigue Party planned for 5th Friday on Halloween Night, 48 attending.

Sports and Entertainment - 4 B's Golf Tournament at Bicester GC on 7th October, won by Rotary Club of Buckingham, we were 2nd.

Successful Go-Karting trip arranged for the brave at Oxford on 15th October. 12 attendees followed by good pub lunch at Begbrook.

Peter Williams can get complimentary tickets for Champion of Champions Snooker Tournament at Reebok Stadium Coventry 6th to 8th November for those interested.

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

Thank you to Pat Thomas and Helen Braisby for all their work on Banbury Canal Day on 5th October. Also to both ours and Cherwell Club members for manning the Rotary Gazebo from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. The children's games raised £120

Four Christmas Street Organ collection dates agreed with Tesco and Sainsbury.

John Webb discussed a proposal for naming of two Teddy Bears. Agreed to use in conjunction with the Rotary Gazebo at next year's Banbury Show, Town Mayor's day, Town Crier and Street Organ Fair, and Canal Day.

Foundation Committee

End Polio Now day is on 24th October - Activities include Crocus Bulb Planting at Bridge Street Park on 20th October, Bloxham Primary School on 22nd and St Mary's Church Banbury with Frank Wise School on 24th.

Thanks to Harry Mathews and Fred Riches for distributing 40 Focus on the Crocus Badge Kits to Shops in Banbury and Secondary Schools involved in the Crocus concerts in March 2015.

International Committee

Building work at Waterloo School, Sierra Leone has been halted due firstly to the rainy season and then the Ebola Crisis.

The state of emergency called by Government means no public meetings allowed, no schooling for children. Knock on effect is no school, no fees, no salaries for teachers.

Youth Services Committee

As Harriet Wells had already bought a number of books to support her Master's Degree Course. It was agreed she could use the £200 award for computer material costs

Candidate for a Youth Exchange visit to Japan / Bodicote agreed.

The Month in Pictures





Weekly Meeting Duties for November 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
07 Nov	G. Scecs S. Dhesi M. Dibb B. Gardner B. Goodchild T. Iles	B. Doe J. Donaldson	T. Taylor	S. Crump
14 Nov	G. Jeremy S. Kershaw O. Kyffin K. Manning A. McHugh J. Meredith	A. Fairbairn J. Hansford	D. Blakey	M. Humphris
21 Nov	H. Morris R. Nurden M. Phillips G. Pollard N. Randall M. Recchia	M. Nutt J. Phillips	H. Matthews	R. Kipping
28 Nov	I. Roderick D. Sullivan P. Shea J. Smith P. Thomas R. Thompson	F. Riches J. Webb	J. Cooke	E. Woodruff

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 November/December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
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
5 Dec	Stewart Maxwell	Longer Serving Member	TBA
12 Dec	Jon Cox	Banbury Sea Cadets	Brian Gardner
19 Dec	President's Speaker	Christmas Lunch	President
26 Dec	Boxing Day	NO MEETING	