



The December Diary

- 1st-5th Town Mayor's Toy Appeal*
- 3rd Community & Vocational
Service Committee Meeting*
- 3rd Sports and Entertainment
Committee Meeting*
- 5th Rotary Meeting*
- 6th-7th Tour de Trigs*
- 10th Classification, Membership
& PR Committee Meeting*
- 10th Foundation Committee
Meeting*
- 12th Rotary Meeting*
- 13th Family Christmas Festival
of Music*
- 14th District Carol Service*
- 14th Service Clubs Carol Service*
- 17th Youth Service Committee
Meeting*
- 17th International Committee
Meeting*
- 19th Rotary Christmas Lunch*
- 19th Street Organ Collection*
- 20th Christmas Float*
- 22nd Street Organ Collection*
- 23rd Street Organ Collection*
- 24th Street Organ Collection*
- 26th Boxing Day No Club
Meeting*

Phil's Christmas Message



'We're for Communities' is a very apt theme as our club gets really active in the build up to Christmas. We have just completed four nights of extremely successful Children Singing for Children concerts, probably the best ever, with a record 26 primary school choirs taking part.

The magic of Christmas begins on 13th December with the Family Festival of Christmas Music. This year the program features the story and music of Peter and the Wolf and traditional Christmas Carols. So please, try to sell some tickets to family & friends, especially those with younger children.

Next comes the Service Clubs Carol Concert on the 14th December, Christmas Lunch on the 19th December, the Father Christmas Float on the 20th and the Street Organ Collections at Tesco & Sainsbury's on the 19, 20, 23 & 24th December. New for this year we will also be supporting the Round Table Christmas Parcel project with deliveries in support of 350 families and senior citizens in Banbury.

I really enjoy all of these events - they help put me in the Christmas Spirit, give us the opportunity to profile Rotary in Banbury and through raising funds enable us to make a difference to some of those in need in our community.

So please get involved in as many events as you can to ensure the load is shared by all club members. Fun & fellowship, its what Rotary is all about!!

Past Presidents have told me how rapidly the year in office goes by and it's hard to believe I will have soon completed half of my term. They say that time passes quickly when you're having fun.....and I am!! So thank you everyone for the support you have given me and our club so far.

As Di and I prepare to head 'down under' on December 20th for Christmas with our children and grandchildren, we wish you, your families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

Many thanks to Ian Calderbank for agreeing to chair the meetings on the 2nd & 9th January, I will look forward to seeing you all on the 16th January 2015.

Yours in Rotary,

President Phil

Children Singing For Children



Monday 10th to Thursday 13th November saw four successful nights of Children Singing for Children concerts at St. Mary's Church, Banbury.

A record 26 primary school choirs each sang two songs on a One World / WW1 Anniversary theme beautifully, and the massed choir finale each evening sang a further three songs, finishing with the rousing 'World in Union'.

This event lifts the spirits and demonstrates that our future is in good hands. Thank you children, teachers, the audience, sponsors, supporters and Rotarian volunteers - you have raised at least £6,000, (final figure tbc), for Children's Charities - "One-eighty", an Oxford based charity who work with children in our area on the fringes of education and society, 'Sierra Leone Schools Projects' and other local Rotary Children's Charities.

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Banbury Remembers



It was a stunning autumn morning for this year's Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in Banbury.

Hundreds of people turned out to watch the parade from the Town Hall to St. Mary's Church, where this year's service was particularly poignant.

This was followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial in Peoples' Park. After which the parade returned to the Town Hall where Town Mayor, Sean Woodcock, took the salute.

Special thanks to Banbury Town Council for organising the occasion superbly, and to all who participated.

Sibford School Peace Garden



Our club were delighted to be invited to the Peace Garden opening at Sibford School on Armistice Day.

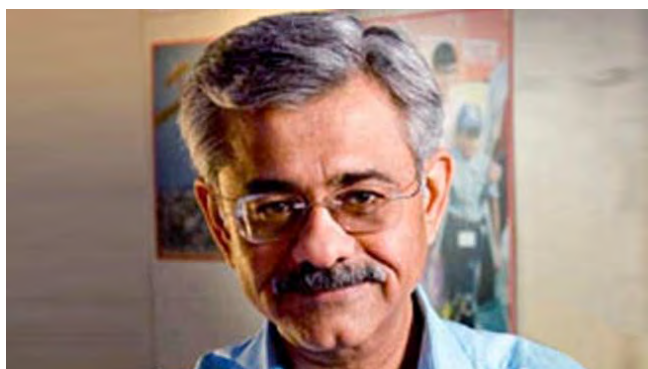
The parents of former pupil Conrad Lewis opened the garden which is designed to be a place of quiet reflection. Conrad served with the Parachute Regiment and died in Afghanistan in 2011. His parents, Tony and Sandi, laid a wreath in their son's memory following a two minute silence.

The garden is planted with 500 crocus bulbs supplied by the Rotary Club of Banbury and linked to the End Polio Now campaign which Sibford School supports. Afghanistan is one three countries where Polio is still endemic. Rotary's goal is to rid the world of Polio by 2018.

Mr Lewis said, 'We think this is absolutely right for Conrad and what has been created here is perfect for how he and other soldiers should be remembered'.

Phil Cavill

End Polio Now



Deepak Kapur, Chairman, India National PolioPlus Committee, knows precisely when the World Health Organization officially declared India polio-free: 2:31 p.m. on March 27, 2014. He checked his watch to know "exactly when history was made," he told the Wall Street Journal.

India was a perfect home for the poliovirus: It has a huge population, poor sanitation, impure drinking water, and malnutrition. As recently as 2009, the country was home to around half of the world's cases of polio.

(Worldwide, the disease has infected more than 250 people in 2014, mostly in Pakistan.) Complicating matters, the campaign to vaccinate millions of children faced resistance among India's Muslims.

Kapur's Rotary Foundation-run committee was instrumental in convincing Muslim leaders of the virtues of vaccination, and he sees their about-face as a key ingredient in polio's eradication, alongside the use of a vaccine that targets two strains of the disease at once.

The success carries lessons for other countries where polio remains as endemic as suspicions about vaccination.

Crocus Bulb Planting



Sanctuary Supported Living residents have been assisting with planting crocuses to help End Polio Now, including 103 year old Hilda!

Hilda planted our 6290th - 6300th bulbs out of 6500!

Crocus Concerts Project Target £1 a bulb!

Cavill's Clippings



The 2nd Fifth Friday of the Rotary year on 31st October saw spooky goings on at our Murder Intrigue Dinner Party on Halloween Night. Excellent catering from Pink Peppercorns, the Masonic Hall was suitably decorated for the occasion and it was Dracula who-dunnit!! Thank you all who attended for entering into the spirit of the occasion with the fab costumes and to Helen and Joe for planning and organising the event.



On 1st November a number of us attended Cherwell Clubs 'An evening with John Craven' at the Whately Hall Hotel. A fascinating walk through his very successful television career with two long running programmes:- "Newsround"; and "Countryfile". Money raised on the evening went to Cherwell Club's Charity of the year - Style Acre.

On the 5th November Harry Mathews, John Bennett and I talked about the End Polio Now campaign at the Bloxham Primary School Assembly for 400 children. Their 50 strong choir look forward to their crocus bulbs blooming in Spring 2015 and performing in March at St Mary's, Bloxham to raise funds.

In the evening the Community and Vocational Committee confirmed arrangements for Street Organ collections and we had the first planning session to help Round Table's Christmas programme where circa 350 families / households receive food parcels. Recipients are nominated by Social Services, Sanctuary Housing, Salvation Army and Age U.K.

Another enjoyable Inner Wheel Early Bird Supper organised by Annie Phillips on 6th November.

On the 8th November DG Tim Cowling and I met Jason Ferguson of the WPSBA and Peter Williams at the Champion of Champions Snooker Tournament, Ricoh Stadium, Coventry. This was a follow up to his talk at our club when possible reciprocal support for End Polio Now and Cue Games for Schools was discussed.

Sunday 9th November was a beautiful sunny day when town service clubs joined the Banbury Remembrance Day parade and Church Service, followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial in Peoples' Park.



This year's Children Singing for Children concerts took place on the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th November. Di and I thoroughly enjoyed every night's performances by 26 primary school choirs. With some monies still to be paid / received provisional figures show they raised £6,000 for our chosen charities, "One-eighty", Oxford, Sierra Leone School Projects and other Rotary Children's Charities.

On Armistice Day, 11th November, I attended the opening of the new Peace Garden at Sibford School. Meant to be a place of quiet reflection, the garden was opened by the parents of former pupil Conrad Lewis who was killed on active service in Afghanistan in 2011.

The garden has been planted with 500 Crocus Bulbs signifying the school's support of End Polio Now; Afghanistan is one of the last three countries where Polio is still endemic.



The District Interact Day on Saturday 15th November held in Bourne End was a huge success. Eight Clubs and about 50 Interactors played interactive games and were treated to talks from motivational speakers including Paralympic Gold Medallist Rower,

Naomi Riches and our own Alan Wolstencroft. Andrew Fairbairn demonstrated the Shelter Box disaster relief aid equipment and Aqua Filters. Great to see young people care about, and be so ready to help, others less well off than themselves.

On Friday 14th and Monday 17th Alan Wolstencroft and I had meetings in Banbury to view potential secure storage space for club property, currently held at members' homes or garages. Watch this space for a solution.

Tuesday 18th saw the 2nd planning meeting for the Round Table Christmas Parcels project, with monies starting to come in from sponsors. Andrew Fairbairn has arranged for warehouse space to receive the bulk food items and make up the 350 boxes.

Wednesday 19th was the delayed Foundation Committee Meeting, the main items discussed included the Family Christmas Festival of Music Concert on 13th December and an update on Crocus Concerts in March 2015.

DG Tim Cowling spoke passionately about this year's Rotary theme, 'Light Up Rotary', and the good work of clubs in District 1090 at our lunch meeting Friday 21st November.

In the evening Di and I were invited to the launch meeting of Banbury Museum's new Charitable Trust status. The museum has moved out of CDC local authority sphere and will now look to raise money itself to cover running costs, a new building for expansion and a program of travelling exhibitions.

On Saturday 22nd both Banbury Rotary Clubs supported the Banbury Samaritans 40th Anniversary Ball at Bo Peep Farm Adderbury. An enjoyable and successful evening attended by 260 people and raising £21,500 for this much used organisation.

The fifth Council meeting of this Rotary year was held on Tuesday 25th, thank you to all officers for their support so far and my amazing wife for providing sustenance.

Four of us attended the District Council meeting on 26th November at a new location, Unipart House, Cowley, Oxford. Thank you DG Tim for reducing the travel time for clubs in the north of District 1090. Main agenda items included: officer appointments for 2014/15; a proposal to decrease reserves; only 12 Clubs, (inc Banbury), in district have signed and returned compliance documents for insurance purposes the rest were asked to get do so; and the Marlow Ebola Collections which have now raised £45,000 for Monrovia.

41 members, partners and guests made a very enjoyable visit to Aylesbury theatre on Sunday 30th November to see 'That'll be the Day'. A great show, thank you to Nigel Yeadon, Bob Thompson and the Sports and Entertainment Committee for organising the visit.

Phil Cavill

Paul Harris Fellow George Parish



George Parish's work was recognised by our Club in 2008 when he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, an award presented only to an elite number of people, nationally and internationally, 'to recognise exceptional service.'

Also in 2008, George was one of a small number of townspeople chosen to meet the Queen when she visited Banbury. He described that as 'one of the best days of my life.'

George's tireless work on behalf of the people of Banbury has now been further recognised with him being appointed as Honorary Burgess of Banbury in recognition of his dedicated service to local government in Banbury as a Cherwell District and Banbury Town councillor, and in recognition of unflinching leadership and tireless endeavours over many years as chairman of the Keep the Horton General campaign.

George is one of only three Honorary Burgesses of Banbury, Jack Friswell (in 2006) and Maurice Humphris (in 2010) are Banbury's existing burgesses, both of whom we're very proud to say are members of our Club.

Speaker Reports

Halloween Mystery Evening



Spooky goings-on at the Rotary Club Halloween Murder Dinner Party.

Fantastic evening, full of intrigue, ghostly costumes and ghoulish games.

Everyone entered into the spirit of the theme, the food was magnificent - thank you Pink Peppercorns - and well done to Helen and Joe for organising this 5th Friday event.

It was Dracula who dunnit!

Rtn Andrew McHugh - GP Burnout



On Friday 7th November 2014 Television Celebrity Rotarian Andrew McHugh gave a very interesting talk about the difficult time that some of the General Practices are going through. He said there was a 20 billion pound gap in NHS in 2008/09 and at present there is a 30 billion deficit.

He explained about the different ways the NHS could operate in delivering better outcomes for patients. The NHS had already made major savings through efficiency savings and there was no more that could be cut from the budget.

Rotarian Andrew McHugh explained about the survey he got Family Practitioners up and down the

country to do. The results were alarming, 11.6% GP's said they would be leaving in five years' time. Newly qualified Doctors were going into the field of Surgery instead of becoming a Family Practitioner. 97% of GP's said that work pressure was causing burnout.

There is a need to look for alternative ways of delivering services and getting Practice Nurses and Pharmacists to do some of treatments thus enabling Family GP's to see more patients and giving a better service.

Surinder Dhesi.

Special General Meeting



Friday 14th was an important day in our Club diary when we held our Special General meeting to approve our Club Accounts for the previous Rotary year, and elect our officer for the coming Rotary year.

Many congratulations to:

- Rtn. Ian Calderbank, President elect;
- Rtn. Owen Kyffin, 1st Vice President; and
- Rtn. Alan Wolstencroft, 2nd Vice President.

Michael Banks & Brian Cornley were welcomed back from their trip to South Africa where they visited the Rotary Club of Cape of Good Hope, apparently the wine is much better there.

Rotarian Tony Carney from Banbury Cherwell Club was a welcome guest.

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District Governor Tim Cowling



D.G. Tim's visit was postponed from earlier in the year due to his back injury, so it was good to see him on 21st November with almost full mobility and being very active in the role.

He spoke passionately about this year's Rotary theme by R.I. President Gary Huang, 'Light up Rotary'. Being from Taiwan, President Huang's theme has its background in the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius - 'Better to light one candle than sit alone and curse the darkness'.

Likening one candle to a single Rotarian's good work for local and international communities, and with 1.2 million in the family of Rotary doing good things 'Lighting up the World' becomes a stronger proposition. Our club will be applying for the Light Up Rotary District Citation by achieving the goals linked to this year's theme.

Extending the theme to 'Lighten up Rotary', Tim's message was that we need to change the image of Rotary from being 'stuffy and secret' to one of 'vibrancy, fun and good fellowship'. If that means changing long held traditions and practices then it should be considered.

Tim was assured that the family of Rotary in Banbury is in good shape with two very active, well established clubs, plus a strong Rotaract Club and Interact.

One of Tim's goals is to strengthen the family of Rotary in District 1090 through Rotaract (19 to 30 year olds), Interact (12 to 18's) and Rotakids (8 to 11 years). A very successful meeting on 15th November saw 50 Interactors from 8 clubs take part in an exciting programme that included: workshops; interactive games and presentations; including Paralympic gold medallist Naomi Riches and our own Alan Wolstencroft.

He said how uplifting it is to see young people working to improve the lives of others.

Tim chose his charity for this year 'See Saw', (helps bereaved young children), because his own mother died in his infancy. His idea was to take part in a number of fun runs throughout the year and be sponsored to raise funds for the charity. After his accident a volunteer stepped forward and has already completed 5 runs with a further three scheduled, he hopes to raise about £4,000 for 'See Saw' this year.

Planning for the District conference in Telford next March is well advanced, speakers are finalised and the fellowship events look exciting. Banbury has 26 people booked to go and there are still opportunities for others to attend.

Following his recovery from the accident, Tim is enjoying his year especially his visits to clubs and now has just a few more to do to complete all the clubs in District 1090.

Tim was praised for his excellent leadership of District 1090 by President Phil and thanked by the club for his visit and talk.

Phil Cavill

Nigel Deakin – 20 years of the Beacon Centre



At our meeting on 28th November Nigel Deakin thanked everyone for the welcome he'd received and began by explaining that the Beacon is available for people who are homeless, who are poorly housed, who feel marginalised, who are disadvantaged, who have mental health problems and who have substance abuse problems.

Nigel summarised the main role of the Centre as helping ensure that each visitor felt "welcomed, valued and appreciated as a human being". He paid tribute to the volunteers and supporters of the Centre, all of whom work together to keep the Centre open four mornings a week throughout the year.

The Beacon had begun in a temporary hut in 1994 behind Iceland in Calthorpe Street. It had moved to Wood Green Centre for a year before settling in

its current home in 2000 - renting St Mary's Centre from St Mary's Church at a reduced rate.

It has received a grant of £1,3000 annually from Cherwell District Council, which equates to some 75% of its running costs. With local authority budgets under pressure, the grant, like many others, is not guaranteed to continue. Charitable donations make up the rest of the Centre's income.

Those visiting the Centre may do so for various reasons. "It's so important to have places where people can come together", Nigel stressed. "The Beacon Centre is a meeting place. People need to find some sense of being valued. We're not just judging what they need. We're all in this together - we're social beings".

Nigel thanked those individuals, churches and community service groups who had raised over £4,000 in total during the month of October - marking the 20th anniversary of the Beacon Centre's service.

In answer to questions, he explained some visitors come because of relationship breakdowns or loss of a job. Rules are kept to a minimum. People are asked to keep within the bounds of acceptable behaviour. Drink and drugs are not allowed. The sanction is to exclude for a given period.

Family mediation and support with mental health/substance abuse problems are available. Nigel felt there would always be a need for provision such as the Beacon. The strength is that the provision continues to be there. Visitors can go away and come back. For many "it's the family they haven't got."

Fred Riches

Rotary Initiative



A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they

may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," say St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation.

St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven.

The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?"

Family Christmas Festival of Music



Saturday 13th December 2014 we are holding our 9th annual "Family Christmas Festival of Music" at St. Mary's Church, Horse Fair, Banbury. 4.30 - 6.00 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Banbury has again teamed up with the Banbury Symphony Orchestra for this annual Family Christmas Concert. There will be a selection of Seasonal Music, we'll be singing Christmas Carols and our narrator Jonathan Rowe will be reading the story of Peter and the Wolf to the original music by Prokofiev.

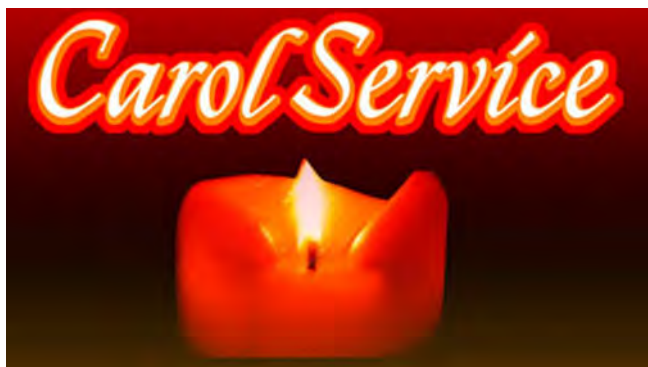
This is a real family friendly event and will be an ideal way to start the Christmas Festivities.

Refreshments will be available on arrival and during the interval.

Tickets, Adult £6, Children £3, are available from the Box Office, Fashion Fabrics, Parsons Street, Banbury, from members of the Orchestra, the Banbury Rotary Club, or at the door.

We look forward to your company.

Joint Service Clubs' Carol Service



This year's Banbury Service Clubs Carol Service is being held on Sunday 14th December, 6.00 pm at the Methodist Church, Marlborough Road. Mince Pies, Tea and Coffee will be served following the service. Many thanks to Ian Rodrick, Maurice Humphris and Brian Gardner for planning the event.

Please come and join us for what is a most enjoyable occasion.

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 80th Anniversary Dinner



Please make sure that you have the Club's 80th Anniversary Dinner in your diary - Saturday 24th October 2015, Banbury Town Hall.

There will be excellent company, marvellous food and a fantastic guest speaker.

An event not to be missed.

Around the Committees

President's Business

Storage - Andrew McHugh has kindly offered the use of a storage room at the South Bar House Surgery building for Club property, archives and printed materials. The room is lockable, approx 18ft x 8ft x 6ft, and dry. Access to the room would be Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm. and would need to be booked and accompanied as the basement is also used to store confidential medical

records. Council agreed to accept Andrews offer, P.C. to arrange letter of agreement, Paul G to arrange for an itinerary of items and a booking system. We were considering buying a container and this will save the club £1,500 to £2,000.

Round Table - Christmas Food Hampers Parcels project progressing, £4,700 committed from sponsors and Round Table. Warehousing space sourced, encase supplying cartons, Modelez and Fine Lady providing items for the parcels, bulk items to be purchased from Tesco.

Sanctuary Housing have provided a list of 200 recipients, further lists awaited from Salvation Army, Age U.K. and Social Services. Receiving and packing planned for 8th to 12th December with home deliveries to an expected 350 addresses on 13th and 14th.

Contact Club - David Hitchcox has circulated a board for an interest meeting to be held pre-Christmas. John Hansford will be away next May but offered to support the planning group. DH to ask if Martin Phillips and John Bennett will help.

Revisions to RIBI Structure - The proposed revisions to RIBI were discussed, even though our members do not have recent first-hand experience of working with or in RIBI, it did spark lively debate.

The main questions raised were:-

- Should an organisation review itself, are there too many vested interests to be impartial?
- Has the question been answered is RIBI necessary? Can they clarify what value is added to Districts and Clubs that is not provided by R.I. (this would help fend off criticism from the ranks).

Assuming answers to the above are clear it was felt that:-

- Making the infrastructure more simple and relating it to Districts and Clubs can only be good.
- Focus on raising profile and awareness of Rotary in Britain is great. A high profile patron would be desirable but it was mentioned that RIBI itself is not a charity.
- The proposed changes in themselves have no adverse effect on clubs, which is good.

Hon Secretary

The SGM on 14th November confirmed the succession officers, i.e. President Ian Calderbank, 1st VP Owen Kyffin, 2nd VP Alan Wolstencroft, Hon Sec Paul Gardiner, Hon Treasurer David Hitchcox.

Question of Archiving was discussed - P.G. to seek guidance from RIBI on which documents should be kept and for how long, Mark Recchia to get a copy of CDC retention policy.

Hon Treasurer

Free Funds are currently £3,519.25

Agreed to fund purchase from Shelterbox of 350 Christmas Cards for Christmas Parcels project at a cost of £39.50.

Party for the Blind event costs £300 agreed.

Children Singing for Children raised £6,229 (inc. 25% share of advertising revenue), as previously agreed by Club donations of £2,800 (45%) to "One-eighty", £2,800 (45%) to School Projects in Sierra Leone and balance (10%) to Trust Account for other Rotary Children's Donations / Charities.

House Committees

Membership and PR - One potential new member in the pipeline.

Programme - Helen Morris was thanked for her good work, Sir Tony Baldry M.P. booked to speak at Club meeting on 26th January 2015, his subject will be 'My work in Sierra Leone, West Africa and impressions of the work Rotary fulfils worldwide'

Sports and Entertainment -

- 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.
- Club Outing - Visit to HMS Belfast and Tower Bridge on 7th April.

Community & Vocational Committee

Funding of £327 to fund final element of a specialist trike for Silas Knowles sought.

Event costs of £300 for Party for the Blind requested.

Foundation Committee

On target to raise the £4,391 needed for \$100 per member donation to Foundation.

Family Christmas Festival of Music Concert planning in hand, recommend retiring collection goes to End Polio Now.

Crocus Concerts planning in hand.

International Committee

Building work at Waterloo School, Sierra Leone still on hold due to the Ebola Crisis.

Bollywood Film and Curry Night planned for 7th February 2015, yummy!!

Storage facility at South Bar House offered by Andrew McHugh.

Document Storage policy needed

Youth Services Committee

Young Musician 25th Anniversary Concert planned for 21st June 2015 at Tudor Hall School.

Brodey Bursary Committee

Further two Engineering under graduates will be recruited in 2015 and 2016. By 2019 when the last two recipients graduate of the funds will have been spent.

There are no plans to continue the scheme.

Donations to Foundation in lieu of Christmas Cards



The following Club members have pledged donations to Foundation in lieu of sending each other Christmas cards.

Graham Anker
 Ian Anthistle
 Ron Barnett
 John Bennett
 Simon Bion
 David Blakey
 Tony Brace
 Helen Braisby
 Tim Bryce
 Mick Budd
 Ian Calderbank
 Phil Cavill
 John Cooke
 Brian Cornley
 Brian Croft
 Stan Crump
 Gilbert Csecs
 Surinder Dhesi
 Malcolm Dibb
 Bryan Doe
 John Donaldson
 Malcolm Douglas
 Andrew Fairbairn
 Paul Gardiner
 Brian Gardner
 Bernard Goodchild
 Nigel Halfpenny
 John Hansford
 David Hitchcox
 Maurice Humphris
 Trevor Iles
 Tony Ilott
 Stephen Jakeman
 Gareth Jeremy

Shirley Kershaw
 Rupert Kipping
 Owen Kyffin
 Keith Manning
 Harry Matthews
 Stewart Maxwell
 Andrew McHugh
 Reg McLean
 Jonathan Meredith
 Helen Morris
 Bob Nurden
 Malcolm Nutt
 John Phillips
 Martin Phillips
 Geoff Pollard
 Nigel Randall
 Mark Recchia
 Fred Riches
 Ian Rodrick
 Paul Shea
 John Smith
 David Sullivan
 Tom Taylor
 Pat Thomas
 Alison Warren
 Eric Watson
 John Webb
 Peter Wilkins
 Peggy Williams
 Peter Williams
 Tony Wiltshire
 Alan Wolstencroft
 Roger Worrall
 Nigel Yeadon



The Month in Pictures





Weekly Meeting Duties for December 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
05-Dec	A. Warren J. Webb Peggy Williams A. Wiltshire A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall	M. Banks P. Williams	T. Taylor	S. Maxwell
12-Dec	N. Yeadon R. Anker I. Anthistle S. Bion A. Brace J. Brodey	R. Barnett J. Bennett	I. Calderbank	M. Humphris
19-Dec	Christmas Lunch Waitress Service	T. Bryce H. Braisby	E. Woodruff	S. Crump
26-Dec	Boxing Day	No meeting		

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 December/January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
5 Dec	Stewart Maxwell	Longer Serving Member	Tony Brace
12 Dec	Jon Cox	Banbury Sea Cadets	Brian Gardner
19 Dec	Brian Gardner	Christmas Lunch	President
26 Dec	Boxing Day	NO MEETING	
2 Jan	Frugal Lunch	No Speaker but Bernard Goodchild's Slide Show	
9 Jan	Antony Wood	"Young People and the World of Work"	Andrew McHugh
16 Jan	Jeremy Burnan	Army Reserves	John Webb
23 Jan	MP Tony Baldry with guest Victoria Prentis	My experiences in Sierra Leone, U.K. International Development Policy and my impressions of Rotary around the World	Fred Riches
30 Jan Lunch Meeting	Martin Shea	Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance	Paul Shea