



## The February Diary

- 4<sup>th</sup> Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sports and Entertainment Committee Meeting
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Bollywood Film Evening
  - 10<sup>th</sup> BYHP Interviews
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Classification, Membership & PR Committee Meeting
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Foundation Committee Meeting
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Fellowship Lunch
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Service Committee Meeting
  - 18<sup>th</sup> International Committee Meeting
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Guide Dogs for the Blind Visit
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting – Frugal Lunch
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Paul Harris Day
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
  - 25<sup>th</sup> International Showcase Evening
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Young Chef District Finals
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Young Musician Finals
- For the full year's diary visit  
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## International Projects



Rotary Clubs in District 1090 support international projects around the globe. A look at the above map shows the location of projects currently being supported by Rotarians in the District.

As well as specific projects District 1090 Clubs support:

- Goodwill and Growth for Africa
- Rotary Doctor Bank
- ShelterBox Disaster Response
- The Rotary 'Box' Schemes
- Microcredit
- Lunch4Learning
- WaterAid
- Nyumbani Working Parties

The District 1090 International Service Committee aims to introduce clubs to other clubs working in the same areas. This can act as a positive influence in that you can share positive outcomes but also highlight potential pitfalls due to local customs and beliefs.

There are many small specialist charities which work overseas and have existing partnerships in the countries they work with that welcome Rotarian support because it brings networking and vocational skills.

We have a lot to be proud of in the international support work that we do so let's share the good news with others and continue to support other Clubs and projects in the District.

The International Committee in 1090 can help clubs with:

- How to start a community needs analysis
- In order for a project to be sustainable there must be an element of training.
- Review what is available locally and ensure that the local people know how to use and maintain the equipment.
- Ensure that spare parts are sourced locally.
- Provide measurable outcomes
- Develop stronger Rotary networks of clubs and districts from different countries
- Must be sponsored by one Rotary Club where the grant project will take place.

To learn more of the excellent work being undertaken internationally by District 1090 Clubs the following events is an ideal opportunity.

### *International Showcase Evening*

Find out what Rotary District 1090 does internationally.

Main speakers

- RC Bourne End and Cookham - Zambia Project
- Brian Jonson (RC Marlow)- Ebola update and the way forward
- Andrew Fairbairn (RC Banbury) - Aquafilters

There will be stands showing international local and national projects.

If you want support from other clubs for your international project let Gillian Pearce (gpe9708744@aol.com) know to advertise it

Venue: Bosphorus Restaurant (Turkish)

Address: 180 Field End Road, Eastcote, Hillingdon, HA5 1RF

Telephone No 020 8868 9621

Date and Time: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 6:30 for 7pm

Cost: £13:50 (2 courses cold and hot Mezes) Please let Gillian know if there are any allergies or a vegetarian option is required.

Cheque payable to RC Elthorne-Hillingdon by 7<sup>th</sup> February

Contact Gillian Pearce, 28A Ryeland Close, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 8AT, Telephone No.01895 434640

### *Young Musician of the Year Heats*



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January saw over 70 talented young musicians competing in three age ranges with eight different categories to win places in this year's Young Musician Finals on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

As in previous years the standard achieved by the young musicians gets higher and higher giving the adjudicators and extremely hard task of selecting those who would go through to the finals.

### *Young Chef of the Year*



High standards were set at the Rotary Clubs of Banbury Young Chef competition on the evening of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, when five young chefs prepared 3 course meals for Judges Jim Cunningham and Joy Webb.

The winner Christina Welz's main course was Saffron scented Monkfish tail, pea risotto, green beans, roasted courgette and cherry tomatoes on the vine. Runner up was Keaton Ward and both are students at Banbury and Bicester College.



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Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January saw the Youth Services, and International Committees meetings where the main discussions were planning for District Finals of Young Chef, the Interview Programmes at BGN and the Warriner Schools, Young Musician finals, the 25<sup>th</sup> Gala Young Musician Concert to be held at Tudor Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> June and a new event for us, the Bollywood and Curry evening on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

We were shocked and saddened to receive the news of Michael Banks passing whilst away in Australia. We all will miss his friendship, organisational skills, sense of humour and his relaxed style of presentation. The memorial service at St John the Baptist Church, Bodicote on 23<sup>rd</sup> January was a fitting tribute and attended by many of his fellow Rotarians. He brought great value to his membership of our Club and was a real contributor. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go to Maureen and the family.

Thank you President Catherine Cunningham and The Inner Wheel Club of Banbury for a great Burns Night Supper at the Whately Hall Hotel on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The Acushla Dance School accompanied by Piper, Richard Jasper, performed traditional Highland Dancing, we enjoyed good fun, good food, and your good company. Proceeds from the raffle and ticket sales will go the Banbury Street Pastor organisation.

On 26<sup>th</sup> January Cherwell Club President Dorothy Cantrell and I met for our regular catch up meeting. We discuss forthcoming events and Rotary goings on! They have planned a Roaring 20's Jazz evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and Dorothy's Presidents Ball will be on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

The Council Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January had a full agenda as there was no meeting in December. Notes from the meeting can be seen elsewhere in this Bulletin.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January I attended a White Zone Presidents' meeting where we had a very good meal at the Masons Arms. Witney, Burford, Chipping Norton, Bicester and ourselves were represented. Bicester has set up a satellite club with 6 new members and Witney are in the process of doing the same with 8 potential new members. We shared information on events where other club support is welcomed, for us it was the Interview Programmes. The World Pooh Sticks championship is moving to Witney on 7<sup>th</sup> June and it is their Diamond Charter Dinner on 28<sup>th</sup> March, please contact me for details if you wish to attend.

Phil Cavill

## *Speaker Reports*

### *Frugal Lunch*



There was a good turnout for the frugal lunch on 2<sup>nd</sup> January after our New Year excesses.

Although we enjoyed only a limited menu (soup followed by cake) it was possible to cheat and have second helpings and some of us did, without being fined too for a change. It may not be too late!

What was striking was the fellowship with plenty of noisy chatter and, with no speaker, there were no early leavers and many stayed on after the "formalities" and final toast to continue the chat. The opportunity was taken during the meeting to thank those who had put in so much extraordinary effort just before Christmas for the Street Organ collections, Father Christmas Float, and the Food Parcel packing and distribution. Their efforts were much appreciated.

Ian Calderbank

### *Antony Wood - Young People and the World of Work*



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January Antony Wood gave a very interesting talk about his experience of young people in the world of work.

He started by expressing how good it was to be back in Banbury for the first time since 1969 when he had worked at General Foods for 5 to 6 years.

Antony's talk was based on extensive experience and understanding of British industry and the application and sharing of interpersonal skills with young people to encourage them to enter British industry.

Antony explained that his driving principle is exactly the same as the principal of Rotary-enabling young people to achieve fulfilment in their working lives by becoming the best they can be.

After leaving general foods, Antony moved to MetalBox as head of schools liaison-promulgating manufacturing industry through sponsorship of young people. He put forward his belief that the future of this country is reliant on encouraging the brightest and the best to enter industry. He quoted Winston Churchill saying, "for we are an island nation and our future is truly commercial".

When Antony left MetalBox, he said up his own business-world of interpersonal skills. In this franchise business, Antony continued his work with a personal development of young people by providing Command Tasks and Reflective Practice.

In closing, Antony introduced his book "Never the Same River." He explained his choice of title as reflecting the dynamic nature of industry and life in general. Although we may enter a river at the same point at the same time of day, the water that flows past us is always different.

Antony was accompanied by his wife, Ursula and by their close friend Sonya Blinkhorn. Antony referred to an earlier experience in amateur dramatics that he shared with Ursula and Sonya when they joined the late lamented Jimmy Black in a 24-hour Shakespeare Read In.

In summary, Antony gave an interesting and inspiring talk that resonated to a large degree, with the shared values of Rotary International.

Andrew McHugh

*Major Jeremy Burnan – Army Reserves in Banbury*



The speaker at the club meeting on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January was Major Jeremy Burnan from 142 Vehicle Squadron (Army Reserves Banbury), and his subject was the role of the reservist in the modern army.

He began with a quote from General Thomas B. Jackson, a commander in the American Civil War who was attributed as saying that "The Reservist is twice the Citizen". This is, of course, down to the fact that the reservist has two or more skills at his fingertips, those taught in the civilian environment, and those that the army teaches them.

The aim of the government is to reduce the regular army to 82,000 and boost the reserves up to 30,000, a programme known as "Army 2020" and the Banbury Reserves are a strategic part of this reorganization.

The move was accomplished by moving the nationally recruited unit from Grantham, Lincolnshire to Banbury where the unit was to recruit, over time, from the region the reservists necessary to bolster those already there.

It was expected the numbers of reservists would increase fivefold, but has, in fact increased tenfold and Banbury has become a nationally acclaimed success story.

The old unit has been retrained from signals, Morse code, and communications to a new world of logistics with the men driving a huge range of vehicles.

The civilians were from many backgrounds including teachers, electricians, drivers, nurses, I.T. specialists, Ferrari drivers, and a turkey sexer.

Many at first wondered about friction between the regular soldier and the reservist but, in the Major's experience, this has never been the case. The reservists receive £5,000 pounds worth of usable driver licence training for which they have to commit a minimum of 27 days to the reserves each year. The army's values of Courage, Discipline, Respect for Others, Integrity, Loyalty and Selfless Commitment underpin all that the army does, and these attributes transfer back into the reservist's day job as additional skills in their everyday setting.

The unit has an excellent relationship with the town and participates in many events throughout the year. The support received from the town and surrounding villages is most welcome, and makes those committed to the reserves feel a part of the community.



The major concluded with a plea to those Rotarians who felt able to enhance the call of duty in those they came into contact with to do so with the sure knowledge that the values imparted to the reservists by the army would enhance their status in the workplace and, in turn, make them "twice the citizen".

The major was given a vote of thanks by Rotarian John Webb and the members responded, when requested, by robustly applauding their guest.

John Webb

### *Rt Hon Sir Tony Baldry PC - experiences in Sierra Leone*



A busy and interesting meeting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January when our club was delighted to welcome Rt Hon Sir Tony Baldry PC, member of parliament for North Oxfordshire and several guests including, Neil Gadsby (Chairman Katharine House Hospice), Victoria Prentis, Peter and Stewart Fowler (Westminster Security), Nigel Deakin (Beacon Centre), Simon Porter (guest of John Smith), and Joy Webb (guest of John Webb).

We were pleased to present a cheque for £4,000 to Neil Gadsby on behalf of Katharine House Hospice representing 75% of the proceeds of the Christmas Street Organ collections at Tesco and Sainsbury's.

Alan Wolstencroft gave an update on the work completed at Liverpool Community School, Waterloo, Freetown, Sierra Leone in 2014.

In a year of two halves, two blocks of 4 classrooms were built and the first one furnished before the rainy season followed by the outbreak of e-bola in Summer interrupted progress.

The effects of the crisis have been immense with schools closed, public meetings banned, jobs lost and cost of living increases. People already living in poverty have suffered but things are beginning to improve. The spread of e-bola is slowing, and work has started to paint and furnish the 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom block in readiness for the schools reopening.

Sir Tony then spoke of his experiences in Sierra Leone which he first encountered in the early 90's. The 10 year civil war, corruption, and years of mismanagement of the country's natural resources mean the majority of the population live on less than a \$1 U.S. per day. For them western government support is essential and Tony supports the 1% the U.K. spends on overseas aid.

The country's educated citizens that could positively influence its future have been leaving, (there are more Sierra Leonean Doctors in the London Borough of Southwark than there are in Sierra Leone).

Under President Koroma, the country is recovering from a 10 year civil war which ended in 2002, democracy was consolidated at the 2012 elections. There has been substantial growth in recent years but Sierra Leone remains in bottom place of the U.N's league for human development.

Sir Tony hopes that with an improving economy the brain drain can be halted and the country's agriculture industry rebuilt.

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### *Oh how we change!*



This innocent looking young man has been a member of our Club for over 20 years but would you recognise him from this photo?

## *Crocus Concerts*



The venue is booked. The schools have chosen their music. Harry has delivered posters, flyers and tickets to each school. Roger has sent invitations to all on our guest list. Heads and Chairs of Governing bodies have all been invited.

We planted some 6,500 crocus bulbs back in the autumn and our fundraising target is once again £1 a crocus. Last year the project enabled 45,000 children to be immunised. This year it would be nearly 60,000 if we reach the target.

The challenge for each school is to sell 75 tickets. That leaves us with 50 tickets to sell through Rotary for each night and 50 to sell to the public via the box office at Fashion Fabrics. So - please support if you can by taking posters/flyers, buying tickets, letting people know how enjoyable last year's concerts were and inviting them to come along. Just £5 a ticket!

### *"CROCUS CONCERTS"*

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

7.15pm

St Mary's Church, Banbury

featuring Choirs from Banbury Academy, Chenderit School, Frank Wise School, and Sibford School

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

7.15pm

St Mary's Church, Banbury.

featuring Choirs from Bloxham School, North Oxfordshire Academy, Tudor Hall and The Warriner School.

Fred Riches

## *Around the Committees*

### *President's Business*

Contact Club - David Hitchcox to agree interest meeting date for visit to Aalen Heidenheim in May 2015. (Outstanding from previous meeting)

Projects / Club Sponsorship Draft letter to potential sponsors completed. Phil to circulate for approval.

Service Clubs Carol Concert review Ian Rodrick reported that attendance had been high in this 14<sup>th</sup> year. The Methodist Church are pleased to host the event and the Rev Bravette was very supportive. It is the only occasion at which all the local service clubs come together, this year £327 was raised for the Beacon Centre. Unlikely that another club would take over organising so agreed we would continue to do so.

Katharine House Hospice Project - John Hansford updated on progress. KHH are building new kitchens and offices at a cost of circa £500k and want to complete it by their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. The green energy project will not proceed until the plans for this are complete.

### *Hon Secretary*

Members attended Michael Banks funeral, and with great sadness his passing was noted.

RIBI 17/18 Election - Agreed to vote for Dennis Spiller as President and Niall Blair as Treasurer online. Agreed not to use our club votes for the Business Meeting.

Club AGM - To be on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Leave of Absence - Agreed for Harry Mathews 28<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, Pat Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May and Reg McLean 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Partners of Past Rotarians - There are now 18 widows of past Rotarians. Agreed that they could be invited to future Club Xmas Lunches and appropriate 5<sup>th</sup> Friday dinners.

After discussion it was agreed that widows would be charged the normal meal costs, unless there were known financial difficulties, in which case the club would pay.

Transport assistance would be offered where needed.

Allergens & Allergies - John Webb's advice was noted and is now on the club website.

John Smith summarised the new E.U. Regulation passed in December - where a caterer provides the

food e.g. Friday lunch, it is their responsibility to ask attendees to advise any allergies and to know the ingredients of the food provided. Where the club does the catering e.g. Young Musician it is a club responsibility to check for allergies and know the contents of the food provided.

Honorary Members - The existing 3 Honorary members were recommended for continuation for 2015/16 at the AGM.

It was also agreed to invite to recommend David Barlow and Sir Tony Baldry to the AGM to become Honorary Members.

Club Archiving, Inventory and Storage - Agreed that Paul Gardiner and Phil would review and amend the Town Council Document Retention Timescales to suit our club needs and circulate to council before the next meeting. Paul G has now collated an Inventory of items to be stored. Phil to circulate the letter of agreement to use the space at South Bar Surgery. The surgery space is dry and suitable for storing archived documents, due to access issues, other options to be explored for storage of Rotary branded items. Alan Wolstencroft to discuss with Andrew Fairbairn.

Paul Harris Fellows Lunch - will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February in Oxford.

### *Hon Treasurer*

Free Funds are currently £3,773.97

Street Organ share of £1,275 and Gift Aid of £2,786 will increase Free Funds next month.

Round Table have passed to us the unused balance of £1,974.80 for Xmas Parcels.

Match funding of £2,879 has been received from Barclays for the CSFC/ACEP account.

### *House Committees*

Membership and PR - John Smith advised three potential new members are at various stages of application.

Programme - Helen Morris was thanked for her good work, speakers are booked until end February

Sports and Entertainment - Agreed to enter national Rotary Golf Comp in 2015.

- Club Darts confirmed at Cricket Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.
- Visit to Guide Dogs for the Blind confirmed Thursday 19th February.
- Club Outing - Visit to HMS Belfast & Tower Bridge on 7th April agreed.

- Train Journey and Farm visit being investigated for June.

Brodey Bursary - Final two students to be recruited this year. Once payments to these and the existing 6 students are complete the fund will be depleted and not continued.

### *Community & Vocational Committee*

Approval given to invite Tracy Knowles to a club lunch as a guest of Simon Bion.

### *Foundation Committee*

Frugal lunch - after much discussion it was agreed to revert to the original date in February.

Family Festival of Xmas Music - Surplus was £174 plus advertising share of approximately £300. Without a regular sponsor it was considered to be too much work for such a small return and the committee recommended we cease support. This also brought into question the Banbury Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert supported for the last two years. Agreed not to continue support - John Bennett to inform his orchestra contact.

Stephen's Summer Steaming - date confirmed as 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Christmas Parcels Project - John Hansford gave the following feedback. Organisation had been good, warehousing, picking, purchase of food items, cartons etc all went well. There had been no issues with available support in the club. Thanks were given to the 12 Rotaractors who assisted with delivering the 300 parcels. It was hoped they would continue in future years. The project cost £3000 and this sum was raised from previously known donations and sponsors. With more planning it was hoped that more sponsorship could be raised and substantial amount of non-perishable food items collected at Sainsbury's. It was agreed to proceed again next year, with Rotary becoming the lead organiser supported by Round Table.

### *International Committee*

Bollywood Film and Curry Night on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Buffet Supper at Sheesh Mehal from 5.30pm followed by screening of "Bride and Prejudice" at South Bar House. Tickets £15.

### *Youth Services Committee*

25<sup>th</sup> Gala Young Musician Concert - Agreed 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015, venue Tudor Hall, 7 past winners to perform. Sponsorship income of £800-900, tickets £10, recommended surplus to Katharine House Hospice.



## *And now for something different*

It is common practice to expect new Rotarians to give a talk to their fellows about themselves, their early life, their training and the job that they do. This is called a "Job Talk" by some and "The Man Behind the Badge" by others.

Later in Rotary life the Rotarian is often expected to fill the speaker diary by giving a talk which is NOT connected with his work. A hobby such as stamp collecting or model trains would be a good example.

This story recounts the time when Fred arrived at the meeting of his Rotary club to be reminded that he was the speaker for the evening and this was not a "Job Talk".

He had forgotten and was not prepared. He sat at the top table, beside the President, and thought about a subject during the meal.

When he was announced he spoke about sex. The meeting listened to every word and asked many questions. It was a success.

When he arrived home, Mary his wife, asked "How was Rotary?".

"It was a good meeting" he said.

"What was for dinner?" she asked.

"Beef, and it was good" he answered.

"Who was the speaker?" she continued.

"I was" he replied.

"What did you speak about?"

Now he can see trouble looming!

"Sailing" he lied.

The next morning Mary was shopping in the town and visited the butcher who was also a Rotarian.

"Fred gave a wonderful talk last night." he said.

"Yes" said Mary, "but I don't understand why he chose the subject. The first time he did it he was sick and the second time his hat blew off".

## *The Month in Pictures*







## *Weekly Meeting Duties for February*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&amp;H in charge</u>
6 Feb	E. Watson J. Webb P. Williams P. Wilkins A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall	A. Wiltshire S. Bion	T. Taylor	R. Kipping
13 Feb	N. Yeadon G. Anker I. Anthistle M. Banks R. Barnett J. Bennett	H. Braisby S. Kershaw	K. Manning	S. Maxwell
20 Feb	A. Brace J. Brodey T. Bryce M. Budd B. Doe S. Dhesi	I. Calderbank G. Csecs	J. Phillips	S. Crump
27 Feb	J. Donaldson M. Douglas A. Fairbairn B. Gardner B. Goodchild J. Hansford	T. Iles G. Jeremy	J. Cooke	M. Humphris

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 February*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
6 Feb	David Hitchcox	Longer Serving Member	Maurice Humphris
13 Feb	Rachel Hodson	Breakthrough in the Field of Breast Cancer	Helen Braisby
20 Feb	Pheona Bootes	Computer Dynamic	Shirley Kershaw
27 Feb	Sophia Stone	Children's Radio Foundation	Nigel Randall