



The March Diary

- 4th Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
- 4th Sports and Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 5th Crocus Concert
- 6th Rotary Meeting
- 6th-8th District Conference
- 10th BGN Practice Interviews
- 11th Classification, Membership & PR Committee Meeting
- 11th Foundation Committee Meeting
- 12th BGN Practice Interviews
- 13th Rotary Meeting
- 16th Table Top Olympics
- 18th Youth Service Committee Meeting
- 18th International Committee Meeting
- 20th Rotary Meeting
- 21st District President Training
- 21st Inner Wheel Film Night
- 23rd Club AGM
- 25th Council Meeting
- 26th District Council
- 27th Rotary Meeting

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From Humble Beginnings



On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Rotary's founder, Harris, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, Shorey served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in June 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, Ruggles (who is often called the "fifth Rotarian"), was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of The National Rotarian and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 23 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

From such humble beginning we are now an international organisation made up of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

On 23rd February 2015 our world-wide organisation celebrates 110 years of service! Millions of people have better lives today thanks to Rotary and Rotarians rolling up their sleeve to make a difference.

Bollywood Evening



What a fun time we had on 7th February with a Curry Supper at the Sheesh Mahal followed by a Bollywood film "Bride and Prejudice". Great to have a happy ending too!

Well done the International Committee and particularly Andrew who organised it so well.

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Guide Dogs for the Blind



On 19th February 24 Rotarians, partners and grandchildren enjoyed a great visit to the Guide Dogs Training Centre in Leamington Spa. With over 400,000 registered blind or partially sighted people in the U.K. that could qualify for a guide dog, the organisation places about 1,200 dogs every year. They breed their own dogs and at Leamington Spa train about 220 per annum.

We learnt how these marvellous animals are trained and how they can change the lives of the blind and partially sighted.

The organisation are always looking for suitable families to train and care for dogs from 6 weeks to 12 months old and later when they are retired as working dogs.

Many thanks to Nigel Yeadon and his committee for arranging the visit.

Phil Cavill

Over The Top



Congratulations to Rtns Alan Wolstencroft and Fred Riches on completing the 'Walk the O2 Dome' and raising funds for End Polio Now, Walk for Water, and Goodwill and Growth for Africa on Monday 23rd February.

It was perishing cold in Greenwich but the sun was shining and just a few clouds in the sky as the first group gathered in the anteroom to watch the safety

DVD before donning our safety gear - jacket, shoes, harness and link which we needed to attach to the chest-level wire that's mounted beside the canvassy, bouncy walkway that leads up to the top viewing platform and down the other side.

We hadn't realised the Dome measurements and positioning were all planned in relation to time. It's 365 metres circumference and 52 metres in height, with twelve of those spikes sticking out - and all as close as possible to 0 degrees longitude.

We were a group of about 16 with a leader. The first bit goes up a one in three slope, so you're digging your toes in and leaning forward while pushing the link along the wire with one hand and holding on to another safety wire/rail with the other.

Then it evens out gradually till you reach the top. There you're allowed to unchain yourself and look around on all sides of the viewing platform. Brilliant views over the Thames and across London. Highly recommended for the summer!

However, the weather decided to do the dirty on us and just as we reached the top a large black cloud chucked a mixture of sleet and hail at us through the rising gale. We have a lovely video of two ladies who helped organise the event reading a congratulatory message from a leading international Rotarian. Picture's great. Sound = loud crackling wind... Hey ho!

Then it was back onto the wire link for the clamber down, perhaps the most strenuous bit, because the last bit is a one in three slope as well and pulls on your thighs while you try to keep your balance.

Overall a really good experience - and thank you very much for helping use reach our sponsorship targets.

Fred Riches and Alan Wolstencroft.

Frank Wise School – Ground Breaking



On Friday 27th February we were delighted to be represented at the Frank Wise School when Sir Tony

Baldry marked the start of construction of the school's new Post-16 building in a "Ground Breaking" ceremony.

This is an exciting new development costing around £2 million for the building with the school seeking to raise a further £100,000 to provide appropriate furnishings and equipment.

Following the ceremony, our Immediate Past President, John Hansford, presented the Head Teacher, Sean O'Sullivan with a cheque for £2,000 which represented the sum of donations from our "Contact" group of Rotary Clubs of Biella in Italy, Villefranche in France, Olten in Switzerland and ourselves to facilitate a Continental travel experience for Frank Wise students.

Ian Calderbank

Tavia Lewis – Banbury Young Musician of the Year Finals



Saturday 28th February and 50 talented young musicians came together at Sibford School to perform for the Finals of this year's Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition.

Starting at 4.00pm we were treated to some wonderful performances by the "Junior" competitors in the competition (8 to 11 year olds). It was wonderful to see so much talent in such young people, and after much debate the adjudicators awarded the prize of Junior Young Musician of the Year 2015 to Jessica Foxwell.

By 6.30pm a packed audience had gathered for the start of the "Intermediate" (12 to 15 year olds), and "Senior" (16 to 19 year olds), competitions. We

were then given a potpourri of musical performances ranging from improvised rock, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Andrew Lloyds Webber show tunes to Sibelius, Schumann and Liszt, something for everyone's taste.

With so many talented and varied performances the adjudicators had an extremely difficult task in selecting the winners of each section, and even more so this year's overall winner.

So very many congratulations go to Tavia Lewis Banbury Young Musician of the Year 2015.

Our thanks go to our adjudicators at the Finals, Mark Paine, Michael Bochmann and Marcel Zidani, as well as competition organiser Rtn. Gareth Jeremy and his supporting team of fellow Rotarians.

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Cavill's Clippings



Planning for the rest of the Rotary year is making good progress. The club has a busy calendar in March, April and May with Young Musician Finals, Practice Interviews at BGN and at the Warriner, Crocus Concerts, District Conference and Contact Club in Germany, not to mention our normal club meetings. So a sincere thank-you to everyone who has attended and helped plan the projects and events at your House and Service Committee meetings or in your project groups. It is much appreciated!

Some exciting news, D.G. Tim Cowling contacted me in February to ask if we could host R.I.B.I President Peter King at our weekly meeting on Friday 1st May. Peter is spending two days in D1090 and your Council members thought it was a great honour for our club and we look forward to hosting him.

I attended two meetings on Wednesday 4th February. The Community and Vocational Committee discussed ideas for our presence at the Banbury and District Show, planning for the Party for the Blind on 27th May, and the Tour de Trigs on 5th and 6th November. It was also agreed that the

next Christmas Food Parcels project would report in to the Community and Vocational Committee. John Webb and Alison Warren reported back on an evening spent with Banbury Street Pastors and the committee are considering some support for them. The Crocus Concerts Project team met to finalise plans for the Concerts on 5th and 10th March.

Thursday 5th saw a well-attended Inner Wheel Early Bird Supper organised by Annie Phillips.

The Bollywood Evening on Saturday 7th was a great success with 24 members and guests enjoying an excellent curry at the award winning Sheesh Mahal restaurant, followed by a viewing of the Bollywood movie, Bride and Prejudice at South Bar House. Thanks to Andrew McHugh for organising a fun evening.

Simon Bion and I had a good meeting with Daphne Robertson, the new Partnership Fund Raising Manager for Katherine House Hospice on 13th February. She is very keen to progress the green energy project for KHH so watch this space.

Maurice Humphris does an excellent job as club welfare officer and keeps in regular contact with Honorary Members and Rotarians too ill to attend meetings. On 17th and 18th Feb I accompanied him on visits to see Geoff Wood, David Barlow and Charles Swain. All three were in good spirits and pleased to see us for a chat, we enjoyed tea and lemon drizzle cake from Wendy Barlow too! All past members and partners of past members receive a copy of the monthly bulletin to keep them in touch with club news, those that can are also invited to 5th Friday dinners and our Christmas lunch.

The International Committee on 18th February was well attended. Ron gave an update on the three Sierra Leone school projects, it was agreed to donate the £125 raised from the Bollywood evening towards a Community Water Filter aqua box.

About 24 Rotarians, partners and grandchildren enjoyed a super visit to the Guide Dogs training centre at Leamington Spa on Thursday 19th February where we learnt how these marvellous animals are trained and how they can change the lives of the blind and partially sighted. Many thanks to Nigel Yeadon and his committee for arranging the visit.

Tuesday 24th February was the Contact Club interest meeting at the Cricket Club for the visit to Aalen Heidenheim. John Bennett and Martin Phillips provided the German beer and food, and hosted 19 Rotarians and partners who are thinking about attending. We have the programme details but are

awaiting final costings and accommodation details from Aalen Heidenheim Rotary club.

We had a good Council meeting on 25th February, the notes appear in this bulletin. Thanks to my wife Di, for the 'corned beef hash' which was enjoyed by all present.

On Friday 27th February Ian Calderbank, John Hansford and I were invited to the ground cutting ceremony at Frank Wise School for the new 6th form building and presented a cheque for £2,000 to Anthony Munday as a donation towards the cost of taking children on their next European visit.

Phil Cavill

Speaker Reports

Martin Shea – Oxon Bucks Berks Air Ambulance



Our speaker on 30th January was Martin Shea who started the presentation by outlining the area which the Air Ambulance covered this being the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire and occasionally adjoining counties such as Hampshire.

The air ambulance is based at Benson in Oxfordshire, it has a crew of 3, 1 Pilot and

2 Paramedics but this may be increased by the addition of a Doctor who give their time free.

The Air Ambulance is operational 365 days a year and is funded from donations and needs around £1.5 million a year to stay in the air.

The Air Ambulance is called on 3 times a day on average and has now flown around 15,000 missions: 35% road traffic accidents; 24% medical emergencies; 23% sport and leisure incidents; 6% falls; 6% inter-hospital transfers; 2% industrial accidents; and 4% others.

How is the monies spent?

The Helicopter and Pilots are leased and this is obviously where most of the money goes but the charity also funds: extra specialist training for the paramedics; specialist equipment, for example a

cardiac compressor, child defibrillator etc; and specialist crew clothing, fire retardant flight suits.

This was a most informative presentation and I am sure that all of us at The Rotary Club are grateful that this great charity exists.

As a footnote to this I am hoping to put on a Black Tie event later in the year in aid of the air ambulance which I hope as many of you as possible will support.

Paul Shea.

David Hitchcox – Long Serving Member



It was my pleasure and privilege to host fellow Banburian David Hitchcox on 6th February when he delivered his life talk. During his 31 years plus as member of this club he has held most offices, and not only within the club, for several years David was Assistant District Governor for White Zone, that is the northern area of district.

He divided his talk into three sections: play and education; then work and marriage, which he described as the most arduous, surely here was referring simply to work; and thirdly retirement when he could please himself what he did.

David's father, who was 50 years old when David was born and he died when David was only 12. Although his childhood was therefore financially constrained and being a sickly child he nonetheless recalled many instances in his childhood with great pleasure.

His primary schooling started in the Methodist School hall which used to stand opposite the Freemasons' Hall, and he remembers some of his teachers: the head Miss Jolly, who wasn't!; little Miss Mold who was deadly with a ruler across your knuckles; and a rather pretty teacher whose name he has forgotten but not the sight of her legs when the wind caught her skirt one day at 'playtime', this he recalls with pleasure was before the days when tights rather spoiled glimpses such as this and David traces his growing up from this incident.

His formal education was continued at Easington Secondary Modern School where he had some very good teachers but he had to leave at 15 to start work to help the family budget.

He went to work at Ekins, a Northampton based clothing and soft furnishing firm and David worked at their Banbury shop.

By the time he was 19 he was shoe shop manager and that was the year that he and Ann married, this being a very good move.

He moved to Northampton as house prices were more affordable and it was there that both of their children, Philip and Carol, were born.

On moving back to Banbury, still working for Ekins, the family lived first in Neithrop Avenue moving on to Dorchester Grove after a few years.

Ekins bought the shop next door which dealt in fabrics and curtain material and David was soon overseeing four shops. When Mr Ekins retired he offered David the shop which he purchased with what must have been then a large bank loan. He prospered due to hard work and single-mindedness. He was well respected and made many friends.

The late Jim Church who was a past president of this club introduced David to Rotary and to this day he feels grateful. He knew Jim Church as secretary of the Banbury Chamber of Commerce of which David was a member, he failed to mention that he became president of the Chamber as well when younger of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Retirement has given him more free time to spend, much of it on Rotary projects, and while David expressed his gratitude for all that he had received from Rotary it is fair to say that this club and district have benefited greatly from David's membership and would have been the poorer without his keenness and willingness to get involved.

Maurice Humphris

Rachel Hodson – Breakthrough in Breast Cancer



Rachel Hodson from Breakthrough Breast Cancer gave Friday 13th talk on a subject that has affected us all in some way. It was informative, yet positive, given sensitively.

Breast Cancer is the most common form of cancer in women - 1 in 3 nationally, that is 50,000 annually. 400 men a year also contract breast cancer. 1 in 8 women in Oxfordshire - that is one a day will get this disease, this is higher than the national average.

The aim of Breakthrough Cancer is to stop men and women getting this disease through research, focusing on prevention, including secondary cancer. It funds 25% of research working both nationally and locally. A key part of beating this cancer is understanding each type - so treatment can be tailored appropriately.

A generation study was set up in 2004 to help understand the causes, following 113,000 UK women for 40 years, the largest, most comprehensive study in the world. This identified more than 20 types of known breast cancer with 49 generic changes - the codes and how to understand them explained by Rachel.

Professor Mitch Dowsett and his team are looking at patients with the most common form of breast cancer, driven by oestrogen, which affects 3 out of 4 women. They have developed a simple, cost effective test looking at the likelihood of the cancer returning, meaning more women can be classified as low risk and safely avoid chemotherapy.

Because of government restrictions on the use of certain drugs, re-evaluating cancer drugs fund, the Breakthrough campaign is demanding a fair price, bringing about change to develop a clear road map to reform and to get drug companies and the UK government to work together for solutions which ensures advances are not wasted and patients receive the best possible treatment.

Rachel finished her talk by telling us the TLC test - touch, look and check - a hand out available showing in detail how to do this.

Helen Braisby

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 5th March

7.15pm

St Mary's Church, Banbury

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

Tuesday 10th 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 - John Bennett and Martin Phillips hosted an interest meeting for our visit to Aalen Heidenheim in May 2015. The planned programme was discussed, 19 members and partners may attend, we await the costings and proposed accommodation details from Germany before final decisions are made.

Storage and Archiving - Andrew McHugh has confirmed both surgeries agreed for us to use their facilities. All archived Council documents and financial records to be kept indefinitely. Committee documents to be kept for a maximum of two years for handover to new chairs. Agreed to spend up to £200 on shelving.

Projects / Club Sponsorship - More work required on draft letter to potential sponsors and Advertisers. Ian Calderbank and Phil Cavill to progress.

Presidents Night 25th April - Owen Kyffin agreed to help with planning St George's theme dinner at Wroxton House Hotel.

Council Meeting - June date changed from 24th to 28th June, starting at 4.00pm at the President's home. Council members, committee chairs and partners to be invited.

Katharine House Hospice - Simon Bion and Phil Cavill recently met Daphne Robertson, new Partnership Fund Raising Manager, she is keen to progress the green energy project. We await a decision.

RIBI President Peter King and DG Tim Cowling visit confirmed on Friday 1st May. Suggested programme, visit to Frank Wise or Katharine House Hospice a.m., lunch meeting including brief on Sierra Leone Projects from Alan Wolstencroft, visit to Style Acre p.m., (Cherwell Club)

Website, Social Media and P.R. - To help raise Rotary Club profile in Banbury, Committee Chairs were asked to prompt their appointed Communications Ambassadors to generate content and photos for projects and visits. Copies to Bernard Goodchild for P.R., Ron Barnett for website, and Phil Cavill and Ian Calderbank for Facebook/Twitter.

It was agreed that items on members interests/hobbies could have a one off feature in the Bulletin but would not be placed on the website.

Hon Secretary

AGM Monday 23rd March - 7.00 for 7.30, Committee chairs to give a report on progress to date, email copy to Mark Recchia by 20th March please.

New Members - 7 day letters sent out for Simon Porter and Colin Clarke.

Hon Treasurer

Free Funds are currently £7,590.43

Club Accounts - Budget underspent by £1,507 in year to date.

Trust Accounts - Agreed to send Rotary Foundation donation £4,700.

House Committees

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

Attendance - members requested to record activities in the book.

Programme - Helen Morris was thanked for her good work, speakers booked until end June 2015.

Sports and Entertainment - Club Outing - Visit to HMS Belfast and Tower Bridge on 7th April, spaces available on the coach.

Train Journey and Farm visit being investigated for June.

Brodey Bursary - Final two students to be recruited this year, generate interest via social media and the website. Once payments to these and the existing six students are complete the fund will be depleted.

Community & Vocational Committee

Party for the Blind - date changed to 27th May.

John Webb and Alison Warren had an evening with Banbury Street Pastors and will be proposing some club support at the next meeting.

Attendance at Banbury & District Show 14th June agreed, committee need to confirm set up costs involved.

Foundation Committee

Club target for Rotary Foundation donation based on latest exchange rate is £4,609. Current committee balance is £5,580, agreed to send £4,700 asap.

End Polio Donation will be confirmed after the Crocus Concerts. Ideas needed for increasing ticket

sales, badges and school contributions at Crocus Concerts.

International Committee

Agreed surplus from the Bollywood Evening and donation received by Andrew Fairbairn be used to purchase a Community Aqua-Box.

Ron will put Club letter for responding to requests for donations on the members section of the website.

Youth Services Committee

Planning for Young Musician Finals 28th February, Young Chef District final on 28th February, and Practice Interviews at BGN on 10th and 12th March are in hand.

And now for something different

A man was in a bar in France where he met a lady who only spoke French. Problem was he only spoke English.

However, that did not deter her. She drew a martini glass on a napkin. The gentleman realized that she wanted a drink so he bought her one.

A little while later she drew on another napkin two people dancing, so he figured she wanted to dance.

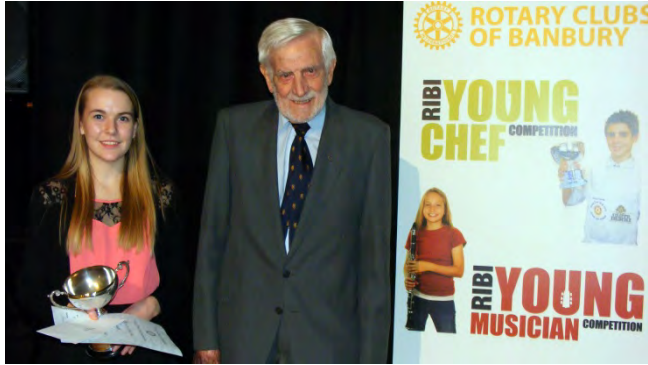
Shortly thereafter she drew a bed. The man's only thought was, "How did she know I was a furniture sales man?"

A woman was rush to the hospital in labour where she delivered healthy twins. When she awoke the nurse told her that it was the policy of the hospital for all children to be named immediately after birth. But everything was ok because her brother had given the children names.

She knew her brother was not the brightest member of the family so she became alarmed. She took a deep breath and asked the nurse what were the names of her babies.

The nurse replied he named your daughter, Denice. She said, "That's not too bad, what did he name my son? DE-Nephew.

The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for March

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
6 Mar	A. Ilott S. Kershaw K. Manning J. Meredith H. Morris M. Nutt	O. Kyffin A. McHugh	R. Nurden	R. Kipping
13 Mar	M. Phillips M. Recchia F. Riches I. Rodrick P. Shea J. Smith	G. Pollard N. Randall	T. Taylor	S. Maxwell
20 Mar	A. Warren J. Webb Peggy Williams A. Wiltshire A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall	P. Thomas R. Thompson	D. Sullivan	E. Woodruff
27 Mar	P. Williams N. Yeadon P. Wilkins I. Anthistle R. Barnett J. Bennett	G. Anker A. Brace	D. Blakey	S. Crump

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 March and April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
6 Mar	Hannah Feldman	Restore : Supporting Mental Health in the Community	Martin Philips
13 Mar	Gerry Weetman	(Family Tree Finders) From Sligo to The Somme	John Bennett
20 Mar		Fellowship Meeting	
27 Mar	Sheila Finlayson and Pip Dealtry	Making Volunteering Easy in Cherwell	John Webb
3 April	Good Friday		
10 April	Gareth Jeremy	Longer Serving Member	Ron Barnett
17 April	Professor Paul Johnson	Pancreatic Islet Transplantation for Type 1 Diabetes - Current Status and Future Potential	Rupert Kipping
24 April	Chris Windass	Music in Adderbury	Gilbert Csecs