



The May Diary

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The beginning of the end of Polio



Sunday, 12 April, marked 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. Since that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957 -- two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine -- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there.

The impact on the rest of the world has taken longer. In 1988, when Rotary International launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with its partners at the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, polio continued to cripple children in 125 countries. Today, polio remains endemic in only three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And it has been more than eight months since Nigeria's last case, making a polio-free Africa a real possibility.

Salk's vaccine will play an important role in the end-game strategy against polio when 120 countries introduce IPV into their routine polio immunization systems this year.

Leading that effort are the GPEI partners and Gavi, a global vaccine alliance, along with Sanofi Pasteur, the largest manufacturer of polio vaccine.

"As more than 120 countries in the world are introducing IPV, we are beginning the last chapter on polio eradication," said Olivier Charmeil, Sanofi Pasteur's chief executive officer. "At Sanofi Pasteur, we have had a long-term vision of IPV as the ultimate public health tool able to finish the job started with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)."

A Comedy of Errors (otherwise known as the club outing)



A Play in 5 Acts by the Elizabethan playwright William Shakespeare.

Act 1

In which the protagonists set off in jolly good time for a jaunt to see ye olde shippe known as Her Majesties Ship Belfast at anchor upon Old Father Thames.

And wherein the participants means of conveyance, after a rattling good start grinde to an halt outside ye olde tube station commonly known as Leicester Square for upwards of an half hour, and wherein Rotarian Smith findeth it necessitous to alight in an hurry for to relieve himself, and wherein he having done so finds said means of conveyance exactly where he had left it an quarter of an hour earlier!

Act2

The company having, by common consent decided to abandon their conveyance, did take to an underground system of transportation of very effective and swift means to arrive at ye Belfast, only to find the gatekeeper, a fellow of great decrepitude and ill spirit, would not allow admission until entire party together, (said party still being thrown to all four corners of ye capital)

Act 3

Wherein most of party pretty much abandoned tour of said shippe in favour of liquid refreshment in nearby tavern

Act 4

In which those still able to stand and walk maketh their way to London Bridge that timeless feature upon the landscape and that hath stood since time immemorial untouched, unscathed, only to find some wastrel hath mucked about with the floor to create an glass bottome hundreds of feete above ye Old Father Thames, this inducing feelings of great giddiness (and would still have done, even without lunchtime dalliance at ye Tavern)

Act 5

Wherein the real tragedie of abandoning the conveyance earlier in the day was truly revealed. No one knew where the hell it had been laid up, especially ye team leader!

There now ensueth a zealous chase along ye bonny bonny banks of ye River to track down all 26 Rotarians (a task that encompasseth much exertion, not to say, sweating on a warm day)

Epilogue

Somehow all 26 that hath started from Banbury arriveth back in Banbury, more or less together and at the same time. The age of miracles is not past and, as another less well known Elizabethan playwright once said, "All's Well That Ends Well".

Nigel Yeadon

Tour de Trigs



As a Club we have an abundance of formal events dependent upon Rotarians getting involved throughout the year in the planning so critical to their success. Saturday 18th April saw our

septuagenarian 1st Vice President adopting a 'hands-on' approach on the road (or more accurately primarily fields, tracks and cross country) checking out first-hand what it is like for entrants who have the following options for this test of orienteering, logistical and team skills allied to mental and physical stamina:

- A 15 mile taster;
- A 30 mile tester ; or
- The full 50 miles challenge (within 24 hours).

In addition to enjoying some fabulous and hidden views of the local countryside (i.e. only available to those prepared to don their walking boots), en-route Ian Calderbank met up with, amongst others, school children from Warriner School undertaking their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition (77 out over the weekend), some of whom are considering entering the Tour de Trigs (the club is giving a presentation to the students later this year and, together with the Tour de Trigs committee, is arranging training days to provide advice on what is involved and what to expect).

Although not experiencing the more severe conditions likely to be prevalent in December (when the event takes place), nor undergoing the full 50 miles, Ian looks pretty fit in this photograph having just completed 21 miles in 7 hours. Keep an eye out and you may see him as he seeks to increase the mileage throughout the year.

More information on this Rotary supported event is available on www.tourdetrigs.org.uk.

Andrew Fairbairn

President's Night Dinner



Saturday 25th April was a balmy Spring evening when 85 Rotarians and guests gathered at the Wroxton House Hotel for pre-dinner drinks on the terrace.

We then sat down to enjoy a delicious three course meal in what can only be described as excellent company.

Between courses we were entertained by our very own Fred Riches doing an international sign language song about his tricorne.

We also had our brains tested in a quiz about how well do we know England and "old money". Perhaps it says much about the average of attendees that I think nearly everyone scored 100% with £.s.d!

Finishing the evening with more patriotic singing a good time was had by one and all.

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Brodey Bursary



Ian Brodey, a former member of the club and the Chairman of one of the town's major engineering enterprises, Norbar Torque Tools Ltd, was a practicing mechanical engineer who, in his will, left a sum of money to the Rotary Club of Banbury for the club to use at its discretion.

The Rotary Club, with the support of Ian's family, decided to use his bequest to help students who propose to attend a recognised British university full-time for three years to study for a first degree in any Engineering Discipline, e.g. Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Process Engineering. The first award was made at the end of the school year commencing September 2006, since when there have been a further ten holders of the bursaries studying at universities. The Rotary Club plans to award up to two bursaries annually.

To be considered for any award, a student must be a British citizen with a main home lying within a ten mile radius of Banbury Cross and to have lived at that address for the whole of the two years spent studying their A levels, which should preferably, be

in a school also in the defined area. Consideration will also be given to otherwise qualified students who need to study outside the ten mile zone because of the unavailability of their chosen course within it.

Application forms giving full details of the procedure for obtaining the awards will be provided to Heads of Science Departments in all local schools and colleges where A level students planning to study engineering disciplines are taught. These forms may also be obtained by e-mailing secretary@banburyrotaryclub.org.uk. They should be completed no later than the time when the A level entry forms are completed and then returned.

Awards to suitable, selected candidates will be made, following a short interview, soon after the publication of A level results and the confirmation of places at universities i.e. in early September.

Applicants will be required to supply proof of both their results and offer of a place before the interview.

John Brodey

Young Musician



The Rotary Young Musician South of England finals were held in Reading on Sunday 26th April.

The winner of the singing competition was Florence Cain, who was the Banbury Young Musician of the Year 2014, who had been entered (some might say poached!) by Reading Rotary Club, and the runner up was Tavia Lewis, the Banbury Young Musician of the Year 2015.

The winner of the instrumentalists was a Harpist from Titsey Rotary Club, and Bella Bourne Swinton Hunter from Banbury was the runner up.

Only the winners go through to the 'Great Britain Final', which will be held in Lancaster in early June. But many congratulations are due to all the Banbury entrants.

Gareth Jeremy

Welcome to Rotary

We are absolutely delighted this month to have welcomed two new members into the Rotary Club of Banbury and the worldwide family of Rotary.



Nigel Deakin whose Classification is "Social Care".



Peter Richardson whose Classification is "Corporate Finance".

We extend a very warm welcome to you both and very much look forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks, months and years.

Cavill's Clippings



April has been an exciting month with another two new members inducted, Nigel Deakin and Peter Richardson. Welcome to you both, we look forward to getting to know you, good fellowship and hope you will enjoy your Rotary Service in our great club.

Tuesday 7th April 24 members and guests had a great trip to London to see HMS Belfast and to tour Tower Bridge. Many thanks to Nigel Yeadon for his organisation. Abandoning the coach and resorting to the underground to overcome the traffic snarl up added to the excitement and challenge as did finding the coach for the return. All's well that ends well though as did this enjoyable day out.

Friday 17th April Many thanks to John Webb and John Bennett for helping erect the shelving in our storage unit at South Bar House. Anyone who has archived paperwork, Rotary promotional materials or Shelterbox, Aquaboxes to store please contact Phil Cavill to arrange a visit to deposit them. If anyone wants to collect items from storage it should be arranged through your committee chairman, President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer who will then arrange an agreed time and date through Andrew McHugh.

Saturday 25th April Thank you so much to the 85 Rotarians, Guests and Partners that helped Di and I celebrate President's Night with a St George's themed dinner at the Wroxton House Hotel. The weather was kind to us for reception drinks on the terrace, the meal and service were excellent and Owen Kyffin ensured everything ran smoothly.

Our own Gareth Malone choirmaster, Fred Riches, did a fantastic job managing the actions and community singing to the 'Three Cornered Hat', 'It's a long way to Tipperary', 'Pack up your Troubles' and a rousing rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

Everyone also participated in the quiz, 'How well do you know England' and 'Old Money' The evening was a great success and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!!

Thursday 30th April was the District Musical Soiree at Dorchester Abbey

Gareth Jeremy, Shirley Kershaw, Di and I drove down to see performers who included past winners from the Banbury Young Musician of the Year: Rebecca Babbage, violinist; Bella Bourne Swinton Hunter, pianist and violinist; Eve Cain, flautist; Florence Cain, singer; Tavia Lewis, singer; and Robert Cheung, pianist and Winner of the Thames Valley District Young Musician 2014. Robert went on to become Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Young Musician 2014.

A great evening with RIBI President Peter King and his wife Di as guests of honour.

Phil Cavill

Speaker Reports

Hannah Feldman - Restore



Our speaker on 6th March was Hannah Feldman from Restore, a charity which was started in Oxford to help and support people with severe mental health problems in their journey of recovery and into employment.

Restore was founded in 1977 to support people with mental health problems and to assist them in accessing opportunities to work and participate in their local community.

The founders of the Charity recognised the problem people faced of getting their lives back together after they'd been ill. By focusing on what people can do, rather than on their illness, the aim is that people's talents are harnessed to help them find renewed purpose and meaning.

Restore remains true to this aim. They run two main services across Oxfordshire: the recovery service and the coaching service. The recovery service offers people the chance to work in supportive

teams doing gardening, woodwork and crafts and running cafes and shops. The coaching service provides one to one support to help people improve their employability and get work.

Last year Restore worked directly with 763 people, and supported 190 people into paid or voluntary work.

In Banbury Restore have a recovery group on Calthorpe Street in Banbury, The Orchard.

Hannah said anyone is welcome to visit their shop Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm, and buy the products that are made by the service users.

Hannah also mentioned that people can self-refer or be pointed in the direction of Restore by friends and family.

Martin Phillips

Gareth Jeremy – Long Serving Member



On Friday 11th April our speaker was our very own Gareth Jeremy.

Gareth explained that he was born in a village called Ffynnonddrain, 3 miles from Carmarthen, which apparently makes him Welsh!

At birth he only weighed 1 lb 9 oz and spent his first 7 months in hospital, during which time his father, who was a farmer, made daily visits to the hospital to deliver fresh Jersey milk for Gareth.

Gareth went to primary school in Carmarthen, and passing the 11+ he went to attend the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School.

At school he was a keen sportsman, representing the County at rugby and athletics. He was also selected to represent Wales in the under 18 Rugby tour of South Africa in 1953, but sadly a serious back injury prevented him from going.

This injury turned out to be a somewhat life defining moment: he wanted to be a doctor, but after 12 months in and out of hospital gave the idea up: he was called up for national service but failed the medical (grade 4); he wanted to do forensic work in the police force, but again failed the medical (grade 4).

So after two years studying at Aberystwyth and a year at Trinity College Carmarthen, he came to Banbury in 1957 to teach at Harriers Ground Primary School. After four happy years there he was appointed in 1961 to teach science and maths at Easington Boys Modern School.

In 1969 we became the first Comprehensive School which at its peak had 2,600 pupils. All staff had to apply for new jobs, and the school was divided into 3 Halls for 11 to 15 year olds (Stanbridge, Wykham, and Broughton), and the Upper School for 16 to 19 year olds, each with its own Head and Deputy Head. Gareth became Deputy Head of the Upper School where he remained until 1986 serving the last 4 years as Acting Head.

In 1986 Gareth decided to take time out to care for his wife Thelma who had been diagnosed with cancer. During his time out as well as caring for Thelma he did a correspondence course on dyslexic children, and in 1988 went to teach at Sibford School where he stayed for 6 happy years.

From 1995 to 2000 (when he finally decided to retire), he helped out at BGN in the science department.

Gareth then talked about his interests outside of work. When he came to Banbury he joined the Banbury Choral Society, and in 1961 with 4 others formed the Banbury Operatic Society of which he was Chairman for 23 years and Treasurer for 15 years.

He recalled that when the Society put on the Pirates of Penzance in 1961 it cost £70 but the same production in 2014 cost £14,000. During his 53 years membership he had only missed 6 shows, and had formed a singing group "The Showers" to sing in the Lions Club Old Time Musicals.

But the thing he remembered most was the open air production at Broughton Castle in 2000 of "Merrie Widow", which cost £64,000 to produce, entertained an audience of 3,800, and raised £26,000 for charity.

Gareth had been a member of the North Oxfordshire Bench for 18 years, has been Treasurer of the Banbury and District Twinning Association since 1986, was a member of Round Table, has been a member and Treasurer of the Impromptu singers for 12 years, a member of Marlborough Road Methodist Church Choir for 30 years, and a member of the Rotary Club since 1984.

Gareth has contributed much to the Club, not least of which is forming and masterminding our Young Musician of the Year Competition for the past 25 years.

Looking back Gareth's life could have taken different directions but he had absolutely no regrets about the course that it had taken.

Ron Barnett

Chris Windass - Music in Adderbury



The speakers on Friday 24th April was Chris Windass who has spent much of his life based in Oxfordshire and formed the Adderbury Ensemble in 1986. He also established the Music in Adderbury series and the famous Oxford Coffee Concert Series in the same year.

Chris learned the violin at 3 years old being taught by his mother who was a concert musician. He studied at the Birmingham School of Music where he formed part of the first ever quartet in residence at the college.

After Birmingham Chris went on to study privately with Emmanuel Hurwitz and David Takeno. His professional playing career has covered working with a wide range of ensembles from large scale

symphony orchestras, chamber orchestras and Opera Companies such as The London Philharmonic Orchestra, The Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra, London Chamber Orchestra, Glyndebourne and English Touring Opera, down to chamber groups such as Medici String Quartet, Brodsky String Quartet and Guildhall Strings.

His love of chamber music has always been a driving force in his teaching and playing. He also organises the Adderbury Ensemble which gives many concerts in the UK and Europe as a chamber group and chamber orchestra.

Chris mentioned that he is organising 12 concerts in the season through to the autumn and promoted the next one takes place in Adderbury church on Sunday 10th May.

Throughout his presentation Chris evidenced his total commitment and personal passion for his music and it is clear that he has developed a very wide reputation for excellence both at a personal level in playing the violin and for organising/managing highly entertaining and popular classical events.

Such is his commitment that he admitted there are times when he has personally contributed to the costs of developing an event to ensure that the local population in North Oxfordshire have the opportunity to be entertained by world class musicians.

A tremendous contributor to the culture of our local life and much valued!

Bernard Goodchild

Gala Midsummer Concert



We are celebrating the 25th anniversary of The Banbury Young Musician of the Year competition by

hosting a Gala Midsummer Concert, which is taking place at Tudor Hall School on Sunday 21st June.

The celebratory Midsummer Concert will see the return of some past competition winners including the very first winner in 1991, Marcel Zidani, who went on to be a professional musician and has performed in Europe and received glowing reviews for his Piano recitals.

Other past winners who will perform on the night include:

- Bethany Porter 2000
- Kris Reader 2004
- Umito Choji 2007
- Lucy Downer 2003
- Serena Holbech 2012
- William Dibble who came runner up in the Rotary District 1090 competition in 2012.

This unmissable event will take place at 7pm on Sunday 21st June at the main music hall of Tudor Hall School in Banbury.

Monies raised on the night will go to Katharine House Hospice.

Tickets are on sale for £10 at Fashion Fabrics in Parsons Street in Banbury.

Around the Committees

President's Business

Brodey Bursary - There are sufficient funds for 2 students in 2015 and a further 2 in 2016 before the scheme ceases.

Tour de Trigs Trophies - A.W. has passed on two unused trophies for AF to consider using for TdT. One of which is one of the two Bob Dix Trophies so far unallocated. If further trophies are required Ron Barnett would like to have one in memory of his son Andrew. Paul Gardiner and Phil Cavill also offered to purchase one.

RIBI President's Visit 1st May - Earlier start time and running order agreed to allow Peter King to speak. 12.15 for 12.45 pm lunch. There are 15 guests booked in so far, Peter and Tim Cowling to be paid for from club funds.

Storage and Archiving Shelving now installed at South Bar surgery store room. PC to agree a date/s to clear items from member's homes.

R.I. Presidential Citation details submitted to DG Tim Cowling, we will be notified if successful. Citations to be awarded at the District Assembly.

Presidents Night 25th April - all arrangements in hand for St George's theme dinner at Wroxton House Hotel.

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

Hon Secretary

New members inducted - Colin Clarke 27/2, Nigel Deakin 17/4, Peter Richardson 24/4.

Accepted Honorary Membership for 2015/16 David Barlow and Sir Tony Baldry.

Leave of absence agreed Tim Bryce 17/4 to 16/10, Peggy Williams and Pat Thomas 3/5 to 29/5.

Agreed there should be no limit on club membership numbers.

PG to check qualification / experience required for District Officers roles. Do you need to have been a Club President first?

Other key dates District Assembly 9th May, Contact Club Visit 14th to 16th May.

Hon Treasurer

Free Funds are currently £3,773.97

Free Funds are currently £6829

Club Accounts - Budget underspent by £1257 in YTD

Trust Accounts - End Polio Now donation of £1100 sent to district to meet minimum target of \$1700. More will be donated once final Crocus Concert has taken place.

House Committees

Program - speakers booked until end June 15.

Sports & Entertainment - Successful Club Outing - to HMS Belfast & Tower Bridge on 7th April.

Community & Vocational Committee

Party for the Blind - date changed to 27th May, same date as May Council meeting.

Set up costs approved for Banbury Show and Canal Day £100 each

Donations agreed for Emergency Rider Volunteers, (out of hours blood and organ transport), £100.

Donation agreed for Panto Bus performance at Frank Wise School to tie in with Kids Day Out £500.

Foundation Committee

Bloxham Primary School Crocus Concert very successful event & raised £734.

Final Crocus Concert at Middleton Cheney Primary School on 19th May.

International Committee

District Grant of £1,500 for Sierra Leone projects received.

Excellent news that schools in Sierra Leone had re-opened after the Ebola crisis.

Youth Services Committee

Judith Allen - Youth Exchange Student to Canada - speaking at Meeting on 1st May.

Forecast P & L Statement to be completed for the Young Musician 25th Anniversary Concert on 21st June. Set up costs of £1,200 agreed for same.

And now for something different

With apologies to our International friends a little light humour by John Cleese regarding terrorist alerts.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralysing the country's military capability.

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Libya and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross". The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout loudly and excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides".

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs". They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose".

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate". Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the Barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled". So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

How are new members invited to join Rotary?

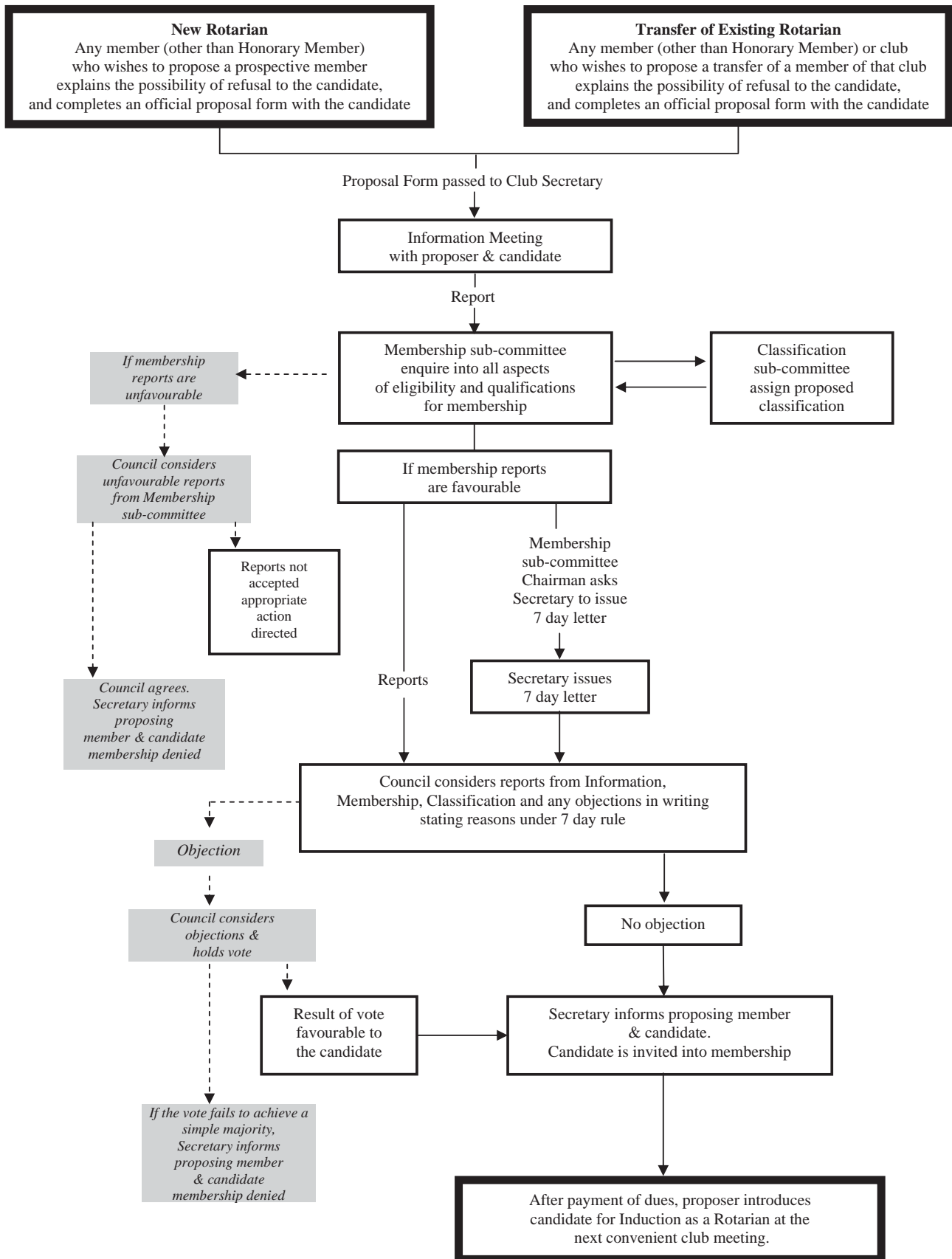


Rotary is an organisation that you can only join by invitation and therefore it is important for members to know what the procedure is should they wish to invite someone to join both our Club and the international family of Rotary.

The flow chart on the following page sets out the procedure, but should anyone have any doubts they should first of all contact the Club Secretary before making any approach to a potential invitee.

ELECTING A ROTARIAN – FLOW CHART

(Reference R.I.B.I. Standard Club By-law 8 clause 1)



The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
1 May	A. McHugh H. Morris M. Phillips G. Pollard N. Randall M. Recchia	R. Nurden M. Nutt	H. Matthews	S. Maxwell
8 May	R. McLean J. Meredith P. Shea J. Smith D. Sullivan R. Thompson	F. Riches I. Rodrick	J. Phillips	E. Woodruff
15 May	J. Webb Peggy Williams A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall N. Yeadon P. Wilkins	A. Warren E. Watson	A. Wiltshire	S. Crump
22 May	P. Williams G. Anker I. Anthistle S. Bion A. Brace J. Brodey	R. Barnett J. Bennett	J. Cooke	M. Humphris
29 May	Evening Meeting	B. Cornley A. Fairbairn		S. Jakemen

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

Speaker Programme for May and June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
1 May	Judith Allen	Canada - A Wilderness Adventure.	Geoff Pollard
8 May	Meera Murali	Sanctuary Housing	Fred Riches
15 May	Neil Rowe	Send a Cow	Gilbert Csecs
22 May	Bruce Duncan	Scottish	Andrew Fairbairn
29 May	Fifth Friday Evening	Tapas and Spanish Wine	Philip Cavill
5 June	Dennis Bradley	How to visit 12 countries at no expense through the incompetence of the Air Ministry	Maurice Humphris
12 June	Allan Berry	Rotary - Your National Magazine	Fred Riches
19 June		Club Assembly	
26 June	Philip Cavill	Retiring President's Valedictory	