



The August Diary

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Ian takes the chair



My first pleasure in this new role is to say a big “Thank you” to Phil for being such a positive and dynamic President during the past year.

He has led us by example, being involved with everything that he could. We have seen improvements with our internal and external communications, closer relationships with District and our daughter Club, and great results from an ambitious Programme of Events.

The Club has been awarded both Rotary International and District Presidential Citations as a result of your efforts and encouragement. Phil, I thank you very much both from the Club and from myself for the help you have given me leading up to today and I now present you with your Past President's jewel.

Now, it is time to hear a little about me and about the future for our Club. I came to Banbury in 1962 and was introduced to the concept of Service Clubs by joining Banbury Round Table in 1965, being inducted by one well known Maurice Humphris. However, it was much later in 2003, when I was Secretary of the Probus Club, that Brian Doe and the late Geoff Holmes invited me to join this Club and I am very grateful to them.

Being a member of the Rotary Club of Banbury has been a most rewarding experience. I enjoy the fellowship, the buzz and the reward from the work that we do. I also know that, with the excellent support I am already receiving and for which I am very grateful, the next twelve months will bring me great pleasure. I hope that it will bring you pleasure too!

Maurice tells me that I am the most geriatric President that this Club will have had. At 76, I beat the previous Presidential Methuselah, the late Geoff Eccles, by a good 4 years.

Should men as old as me be entrusted with such responsibility? Well, my dear wife Pat says "Don't look at the birth certificate, look at the mind and body, particularly the legs." She thinks that my legs are the best part of me which doesn't say much for the rest! She also tells me that I seldom behave my age, particularly when dealing with attractive females for whom she says I display the testosterone of a teenager and the common sense of a three year old!

This lack of common sense may explain why I have accepted Andrew Fairbairn's invitation to attempt the Tour de Trigs challenge this December, in my case to raise funds for the charity Shelter. The Tour has three sections for which certificates are awarded. The longest is a 50 miles endurance orienteering walk to be completed within 24 hours through day and night over muddy fields, etc., whatever the weather, carrying all one's food and equipment. Less than a third of entrants complete that, so I might not, but I shall do my best and hope to complete at least the 30 mile section known as the "Tester". There is also a 15 mile section - the "Taster" - and I do wonder if some fit members of the Club might like to join me at the start and maybe complete that "Taster" section.

That would be true fellowship and this Club rejoices in just that. Each member is different with different hopes and ideas but we all pull together to ensure that we deliver on our agreed Programme supporting local and International needs. Our motto of "Service above Self" is no idle statement but an ideal to which we all aspire.

Rotary of course is a worldwide organisation and each year the new Rotary International President adds his or her own theme. This year RI President Ravi Ravindran has chosen the theme "Be a Gift to the World".

When I look at our busy programme, I see in just how many ways we can be a gift.

Our Programme for young people is a good example. The Children Singing for Children concerts over four evenings in November, when more than 20 Primary Schools will perform as individual choirs then as a massed choir, always brings smiles to the faces of the children, parents and grandparents who attend and some tears to the eyes of the more emotional

souls. Those children sing their hearts out to raise money for children's charities locally and overseas.

Their seniors at Secondary School do the same in the Spring Crocus Concerts, supporting the campaign to eradicate polio which Rotary started in 1985 when there were 350,000 cases in the world - affecting children mostly. Last year there were only 250 cases in just three countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria so we are winning slowly. Last year also this Club sent £5000 for the campaign which was then tripled by the Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation to £15000, enabling 45,000 children to be vaccinated. Isn't that a fine gift to the world - not only to the children vaccinated but also to our young people as they learn the reward from helping others less fortunate.

Also at Secondary School level, we organise Practice Interviews where we give Year 10 pupils the opportunity to write a job application letter, produce a CV and attend a 20 minute interview. Some non-Rotarians help as Interviewers so if any of our guests today wish to enjoy the reward of seeing young people perform in this way do please tell us. I should add that we have extended this Practice Interview opportunity to BYHP (the Banbury Young Homeless Project) with success already achieved in the real job market.

Our Young Musician and Young Chef competitions help to develop the fantastic talents that we have in Banbury. We also have an Interact club for 12 to 18 year olds at one school and we hope to extend this to other schools. Our Brodey Bursaries support engineering students at University, we send young people on the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards adventure or to the Calvert Trust and we arrange international Youth Exchanges with one young lady going to Japan next week. This year too we shall host a student from Australia at Oxford University under our Rotary Scholars scheme. These are our gifts to young people.

Our support extends beyond young people of course, for example our Party for the Blind and partially sighted in May is always popular, and we support Katharine House Hospice in various ways not least of which was the recent Gala Concert organised by Gareth Jeremy to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Young Musician competition. This raised £2500 for the hospice to add to the £5000 that we had already sent from our street organ collections during the Christmas shopping period.

Also last Christmas, we took over from Banbury Cross Round Table the compilation and distribution of food parcels to over 300 needy families and we shall do this again in December.

The Ebola crisis and Nepal Earthquake proved once again how good the Banbury community is at responding to appeals organised by our own Disaster Emergency Committee. In addition to such ad hoc fund raising to meet sudden international needs we shall continue to support schools in Sierra Leone and are reviewing other possible major projects there.

Most of our charitable events involve significant set up costs and we seek sponsorship to cover these where possible. We are most grateful to those who help us in this way, particularly our main sponsors - Banbury Charities, the Bluecoat Foundation, Banbury Town Council, Sanctuary Housing, Tudor Hall School and various businesses such as Whitley Stimpson and J & M Humphris for example.

It would be wrong though to think that being a Rotarian is all work and no play. We believe in working and playing hard. Our Sports and Entertainment committee provide a variety of pleasurable activities - last year, from gokarting and darts matches to theatre trips and even an adventure in London. We had a number of social evenings too including a Halloween Murder Mystery party and a Tapas and Wine Tasting and we shall continue in a similar vein this year with our first social evening being a dinner with magical entertainment on the last day of July.

We expect to have fun too at our District Conference next March, when we will support our District Governor Fred, and with our Continental Contact Rotary Clubs from Italy, Germany, Switzerland and France later on in May when we will visit France around Ascension Day. You will hear more about both these opportunities in the coming weeks.

We are blessed in Banbury with a large supportive Inner Wheel, a thriving Rotaract Club and another proactive Rotary Club - our daughter - Banbury Cherwell. We enjoy with them a healthy cooperation, and benefit from this at many of the events I have mentioned. We also enjoy an increasing social interaction between our Clubs, and the social evening at the end of this month that I just mentioned is being organised as a joint meeting of the four Clubs.

As our Rotary International President reminded us recently and you saw in our June Bulletin, from the moment we are born, we receive gifts. The first gift is life itself. Then we receive gifts of love, caring, the nurture of families; of education; of health support; and of every talent and ability that we acquire. As we move through life, our parents, friends, spouses, and children, our livelihoods and our material wealth - are all gifts to us.

So, we should ask ourselves often : What do we do in return? Will we come to the end of our lives and realise that we have wasted our gifts? Or will we look back and know that there is long lasting good from some of the things that we have done?

We in Rotary aspire to great deeds. We admire those from history who gave great gifts to humanity: for example Abraham Lincoln for the gift of human dignity and Mother Teresa for the gift of compassion to the poor. Both of them gave their lives to others, and their very lives became gifts to the world. We know that we are not like them, and we may not aspire to live the lives they led, but we can be inspired by their example.

This past year we have raised over £44,000 for the benefit of others and I would love to know the total hours of effort we have put in. We are a busy Club, a fun Club, and we enjoy that wonderful personal reward that comes from offering Service above Self and trying to be a Gift to the World.

I thank you Club members for granting me the honour of being your President for this coming year and I promise to serve you and the Club to the best of my ability. Thank you for listening.

Ian Calderbank Handover Speech

Town Mayor's Sunday and Hobby Horse Festival



President Ian was delighted to join with civic leaders and numerous town's folk on 5th July for the

annual Town Mayor's Sunday and Hobby Horse Festival.

Congratulations must go to the Banbury Town Council and all those (old and young), who made their hobby horses look so attractive and who took part in the races, etc.

It was fun being part of it, processing and enjoying the activities in People's Park afterwards.

AGR

The Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell - Handover Meeting



An excellent evening on 7th July for the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell Handover Meeting.

Congratulations Derek Boughton on becoming President of the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell.

Have a good year Derek! You will have the support of both the Rotary Club of Banbury and the Inner Wheel Club of Banbury.

Ian Calderbank

The Inner Wheel Club of Banbury - Handover Meeting



An equally excellent evening on 9th July for the Inner Wheel Club of Banbury Handover Meeting.

Congratulations to Liz Rodrick on becoming the new President of the Inner Wheel Club of Banbury.

We at the Rotary Club of Banbury look forward to working with you in serving our local community.

Ian Calderbank

Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell - Cycling Sportive



Well done Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell for organising another successful Cycling Sportive at Broughton Castle on 12th July.

Hundreds of cycling participants enjoyed themselves as our club members did too running the bar for you.

Ian Calderbank

Frank Wise School Summer Fete and Sports Day



On Tuesday 14th July I attended the Frank Wise Summer Fete and Sports Day on behalf of Club: an event organised by the Griffiths Centre students (the most senior Frank Wise students preparing for an independent life after leaving the school at age 18), who ran the individual activity stalls themselves supervised by school staff.

I had been invited to be one of four judges of the Cake Competition, where each class in the junior and senior school had to plan, design, prepare, bake and construct their entry together with documenting the whole event to show how individual students had participated. I and a Friend

of Frank Wise colleague judged the 6 junior class entries (those on the lower table in the photo).

What had been intended to be a bit of fun had actually turned into a very serious competition with each class vying for the coveted golden spoon awarded to Junior and Senior winners.

I am sure you will agree that all cakes showed that a considerable amount of effort and thought had been put into their preparation.

It was taste that was the deciding factor in the end, with the bluish central cake on the top senior table and the left hand cauliflower shaped construction on the junior table being clear winners.

It was a dirty job, but someone had to do it!

Nig Randall

Stephen's Summer Steaming



The sun shone on Stephen's Summer Steaming as we had fun raising money for Rotary's own Charity Foundation on Sunday 19th July.

A BBQ and train rides, a swim in the pool, tennis or croquet all helped to make the afternoon a special time for our members, families and friends.

Ian Calderbank

£2,500 for Katharine House Hospice



Proceeds from the recent Concert to celebrate 25 years of our Young Musician of the Year Competition, topped up by a small amount from our

Trust Fund, enabled us to present a cheque for £2,500 to Daphne Robertson of Katharine House Hospice on Friday 24th July.

Pictured with Daphne and President Ian is Gareth Jeremy who has organised the competitions over all those years.

Daphne spoke briefly about the importance of such contributions to the running of the hospice.

Ian Calderbank

Didn't we do well!



During the last Rotary Year we made the following financial donations from the Trust Fund totalling £44,618.31:

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| Methodist Church | £60.00 |
| Laura Guile Zambia | £100.00 |
| Brodey Bursaries | £3,000.00 |
| Food for homeless | £200.00 |
| Marlow Ebola | £741.24 |
| Handicap Cycle | £327.00 |
| One Eighty | £2,800.00 |
| Katharine House | £5,000.00 |
| Africa Schools | £14,050.00 |
| R.Y.L.A. | £662.58 |
| Frank Wise School | £2,000.00 |
| Educaid | £100.00 |
| Foundation | £4,700.00 |
| Safewater/Aquafilter | £1,273.00 |
| End Polio Now | £5,000.00 |
| Shelter Box | £590.00 |
| Leukaemia | £135.00 |
| Biker Response | £100.00 |
| Shelterbox | £2,360.00 |
| Sreet Pastors | £250.00 |
| BGN Tall Ships | £500.00 |
| Party for Blind | £69.49 |
| Roll out the Barrel | £600.00 |

District Conference 2016



Although it seems a long time away, a number who attended and enjoyed the District Conference in Telford last March have asked what the arrangements are for the 2016 Conference which will be held at the Savill Court Hotel and Spa in Windsor.

Those who have attended District Conferences before are well aware of the fun, fellowship, entertainment and quality speakers to be enjoyed. However, if you have not been before and wish to know more do please just ask someone who has.

We found it a great advantage last March booking our hotel accommodation on site early - it certainly made everything convenient. The same will be true for 2016. Although there is no need to register and pay District for the Conference attendance until mid October (to obtain the early bird discount!), there will be limited hotel accommodation at the site of the Conference. There are obviously other hotels around Windsor but District have negotiated an attractive package with Savill Court and staying there has its convenience.

The rates quoted by District for the Savill Court Hotel (£79 single, £99 Classic double or twin, £125 Executive double or twin - all per room per night B&B), are significantly discounted from the hotel's rack rate and the hotel will not offer any further discount for a Club group booking. Furthermore, they have indicated that they would prefer people to make bookings individually anyway.

The good news is that we can book anytime using a credit card to guarantee the room, with no deposit required, and with the possibility of cancelling up to two weeks before the event without penalty. Payment will be taken on arrival or departure whichever we choose.

So, if you already know that you wish to come to the 2016 District Conference and wish to stay overnight, it is recommended that you make your hotel reservation as soon as possible, at no

immediate cost - just remember to cancel in time if you change your mind!

The Executive room is larger than the Classic but it is not a suite and certainly not large enough to entertain a small party!

Bookings are best made by telephone 01784 472000 quoting Rotary Conference, since the hotel website has earlier been showing "Fully booked" when rooms have actually been available. You can also e-mail the hotel at reservations@savillcourt.com.

If the Savill Court Hotel is full, District have also negotiated identical rates at the Beaumont Hotel (Tel : 0844 854 2910 - quote Rotary Conference!) which is not too far away.

Whether or not you will require the above hotel accommodation will depend upon which of the District Conference "Packages" you choose to take up. On page 12 is copy of the Conference Brochure. As yet we do not know the detailed Programme or all the key speakers. We do know that so far they include Anne Nolan of the Nolan sisters and Michael Bradfield, a paramedic who has spent months in Sierra Leone.

The packages from District are:

Platinum £135 pp

- Friday Cabaret (including fork buffet), Saturday Conference (including lunch), Saturday Gala Dinner

Gold £100 pp

- Saturday Conference (including lunch), Saturday Gala Dinner

Silver £60 pp

- Saturday Conference (including lunch)

Bronze £40 pp

- Saturday Gala Dinner

Copper £95 pp

- Friday Cabaret (including fork buffet), Saturday Conference (including lunch)

It is possible to attend just the Conference on the Saturday with a drive of a little over 1½ hours each way so the Silver package (with no accommodation costs) is valid if you do not mind an early start. A number of us though intend to make a full weekend of the Conference going up on the Friday, returning Sunday, and have already booked the hotel

accommodation. So, if you wish to join us that way, do make your own hotel booking soon.

In the past our Club has sometimes held a Club Dinner on the Friday evening before going on to the District entertainment (as in Telford). However, this time there is no “Entertainment only” package available so if we choose to have a Club dinner we shall miss the Friday Cabaret.

Also, there is only one room at the hotel appropriate to our needs for a private dinner and the cost for the meal is likely to exceed significantly the £35 quoted for the Cabaret with fork buffet included.

For example, the cost of this Terrace Room for a private dinner is £295 for the room hire and the menu prices on top are £35 per person based on a package fixed menu. A private drinks reception would also be £295 for the hire of the room with a minimum spend of £300 on food and beverages (Reception drinks/Canapés). Going into Windsor or elsewhere nearby also does not seem a very good option either because of the hotel’s location and the need to drive.

We shall register our attendance with District in October to obtain the early bird discount. Individual Registration forms will be sent out shortly by e-mail to Club members and the data from these entered into a Club Registration form. Cheques, payable to our Club, to cover the District Fees will be required with the returned Individual Registration forms.

If you need further information speak with Ian Calderbank or check the District Conference website www.rotary1090conference2016.co.uk.

End Polio Now Update



24th July marked one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by the wild poliovirus.

This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio and a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. We’ve come a long way since the bleak years when the virus reached its peak. It was only a decade ago that polio struck

12,631 people in Africa- three quarters of all cases in the world.

We congratulate Rotarians who have donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million to Nigeria. We congratulate Rotarians from Africa and around the world who have also devoted countless hours to immunize the children who now have the opportunity for healthier, happier lives.

With the ambitious scope of Rotary’s PolioPlus programme, our efforts are having a far-reaching, transformative impact beyond the eradication of polio.

With the infrastructure put in place by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Nigeria not only reduced its polio caseload by 90% in 2014, but it also successfully thwarted the world’s most lethal Ebola outbreak to date, in only 90 days, a response faster than even the U.S., and rightly praised by the World Health Organization as ‘world-class’.

In Nigeria and elsewhere, the Initiative provides a blueprint to reach all children with a package of lifesaving vaccines and health interventions. This is a vital step on the path to human development, as we know that with improved public health, more resources can be channelled towards education and economic growth.

If the stringent World Health Organization testing criteria are met, then Nigeria could be removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September of this year.

However, our work is not done. We know that polio can easily return, with devastating consequences, if we don’t stamp it out now.

We must act, as Rotarians do, to build on the progress made and stop polio once and for all. We have a narrow window of opportunity to achieve this, and if we fail, we could witness up to 200,000 cases a year in the near future.

So how can we finally make history and end polio now?

Today, we must protect the progress made in Nigeria, and support Pakistan and Afghanistan, the other two remaining polio-endemic countries.

Protecting progress means enhancing surveillance, routine immunization, and community engagement in Nigeria and other countries where transmission has been stopped.

Supporting Pakistan and Afghanistan means full political and financial commitment to eradicating

polio; vaccination of all children in these countries; high quality surveillance, and the accomplishment of all the expert recommendations as part of the GPEI's Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

Visit endpolio.org to download a toolkit of materials to help you share this progress - and the need for continued commitment in the coming years - with your Rotary club, your communities and your elected officials.

This all requires time, energy and investment. Pakistan's budget requirements for polio eradication activities from 2016-2018 amounts to \$305.7 million, and if we can raise this sum now, a polio-free world will reap financial savings of US\$50 billion over the next 20 years and prove what's possible when the global community comes together to improve children's lives.

Your donation to PolioPlus will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your contribution.

Thirty years ago we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of only the second human disease in history. Our belief is becoming reality. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one.

Warm Regards,

Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran
and Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klinginsmith

Speaker Reports

Ian Rodrick – Longer Serving Member



On 10th July it was my privilege to host Ian as I had introduced him to this club about 31 years ago.

His talk did not follow the normal pattern of giving a potted history of his life, and knowing Ian who would have expected him to conform with the norm.

After a few asides and jests at the expense of two elderly and revered members he went on to

comment that his good lady, no less a personage than the President of our Inner Wheel, who he referred to as the leader of the opposition, had informed him that he was becoming curmudgeonly.

Ian was shocked but had to admit that there are some things in life which try his patience, his satnav, the misuse of words on the BBC, which he generally shouts at but regards this as normal behaviour.

This brought him to the theme of his talk, another irritant, those people who cannot accept that he does not have an 'E' in his name.

He accepts that it is unusual, when he Googled Rodrick he only found 65 households in England, 33 in Scotland and 45 in Wales. A cousin and his wife living in Andover decided that they would research the origins of the name and found to the horror of Ian's father that it is not Scottish but Portuguese.

They uncovered absolute proof that his name should be Rodriquez.

In early 1800 a widower, Emmanuel Rodriquez left Portugal for New Zealand with his two sons. He remarried a woman of British extraction and had three further sons, one of them called Francis. He married in turn, had two sons, moved to Australia and changed his name to Rodrick.

One of his sons, John, now Rodrick, had eight sons, one of whom Austin Wesley King Rodrick, grandfather no less of our own Ian, moved to London, then Glasgow where he worked as a ship plater obtaining a good reference.

Ian's grandmother died at the age of 42 leaving his grandfather to bring up five boys ages ranging from 7 to 18 at the time of her death. He lived to the age of 75 and what is of even more comfort to Ian, his father, the oldest son, died at the age of 95 following a Sunday lunch of roast beef followed by apple crumble and custard. "What more could you ask?" Ian remarked.

So Rodrick without the 'E'.

This whole completely absorbing narrative delivered in true Rodrick manner, with great humour but real feeling. Ian intimated that he could go on and I for one would happily listen to further tales of the Rodrick family.

Thank you Ian for as diverting an insight into a member's family background as it has ever been my pleasure to hear.

Maurice Humphris



On Friday 17th July Philippa Stannard gave us the details of the organisation “Style Acre”, which supports people with learning difficulties.

Founded just 20 years ago, it now supports over 150 people in Banbury, Wallingford and Didcot.

They provide leisure and developmental activities including Independent Living courses.

They were approached by parents and professionals who asked them if they could provide a similar service in Banbury.

‘SABRE’ Style Acre Banbury Resource is located in Butchers Row.

A “dynamic day service” has been set up in a unit of the ground floor and four flats on the upper floors which provide supported living.

The ‘Front of House’ shop sells crafts and books.

Rotarians in the Thames Valley are actively supporting this rapidly expanding project.

Philippa asks that Rotarians in Banbury (and their friends/partners) consider spending 60 minutes a week -or month- supporting SABRE in some way such as sharing a hobby, e.g. Baking, Gardening, or possibly helping out in their tea room.

Please contact Philippa on 01491 827591 or at pstannard@styleacre.org.uk Charity No. 1101626

On a personal level, I was very impressed at the business like way Philippa presented her case, with a good PowerPoint presentation; all in 15 minutes.

She used the word “dynamic” several times during her presentation, and I feel that she is dynamic and well worthy of any support that we can give.

Tony Wiltshire

There is a get-together with the Patrons of SABRE, Dame Steve Shirley and John Craven, in September: “Getting to know you”, followed by lunch in the Dining Hall.

Monday September 7th 12.00 - 2.45pm

Harris Manchester College
University of Oxford
Mansfield Rd.
Oxford
OX1 3TD

TICKETS ARE £46

Contact Philippa if you wish to go!

District Governor Fred King



It was a pleasure to welcome our DG Fred to the Club again on 24th July and listen to his presentation, which updated us on a number of issues such as the current status of the “End Polio Now” campaign where it appears that we may soon be able to claim a polio free Africa.

It was one year exactly to the day on 24th July when the last case of polio in Nigeria was diagnosed. Only a few cases now occur in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Fred also talked about the potential for new members via Interact and Rotaract and the other community benefits that arise from our Youth Service activities for which he praised our Club, as he did for our contributions to the Rotary Foundation charity.

He mentioned the two charities that he is supporting in his year as DG, namely Helen and Douglas House, and the Thames Valley Adventure Playground, and asked for our support where possible.

“Rotary Central” is a relatively new development whereby access is made available to a large number of facilities aimed at helping to improve the running of clubs. Toolkits and information packages are available and the opportunity to record one’s own club’s ideas, targets, and achievements.

RI is encouraging clubs and individual members to be more active in using and benefiting from this resource. District offer training sessions if a Club

requests help in this way to learn how to use the facility better.

Fred finished his talk with a detailed description of the plans for the District conference in March 2016, more information about which is available elsewhere in this Bulletin.

He then presented the Club with a "Be a Gift to the World" banner. He had spoken only briefly about it earlier in his talk because as he pointed out it had been the main theme of the incoming Presidential talk at Handover.

Ian Calderbank

Around the Committees

Hon Secretary

Handover had been completed satisfactorily on 3rd July.

Trustees sign the Declaration of Trusteeship.

Insurance cover document has been sent to all Council members and to Graham Anker re' his 5th Friday "Act".

District is inviting nominations for the District Governor in 2018-19. Council has nobody in mind presently.

Hon Treasurer

Club Accounts - Budget underspent by £496 at end of June.

Trust Accounts - Free Funds are currently £5162. This figure to be advised to Club at the Friday meeting following each Council meeting and when a vote on spending is notified and taken.

Insurance premium has been paid for the year.

Some Annual Subs still outstanding.

Final results from Stephen's Summer Steaming awaited.

Club Representations

President had represented Club at:

- Mayor's Sunday, Hobby Horse Festival on 5th July.
- Banbury Cherwell Club's Handover on 7th July.
- Inner Wheel Club's Handover on 9th July.
- Frank Wise 6th form Leavers Party on 16th July.

Rotary Scholars

Briefing session attended at Benson on 20th July.

Hosts are now set up for 12 scholars and being sought for another 2.

Our club will host Zali Fung from Australia studying at Oxford with Martin Phillips as the main Counsellor and Phil Cavill and the President supporting. We need to meet and greet at the airport on arrival, transport to accommodation and facilitate settling in, and in future to provide transport when required for the scholar to give presentations to other Clubs and to some District organised activities.

Banbury Cherwell Club's Cycling Sportive

Cherwell were pleased with our support in running bar.

Stephen's Summer Steaming

A success again thanks to the hard work of those involved in its organisation and the good weather.

Rotakids

Discussion took place on the possibility of setting up a Rotakids Club with a school or similar organisation. It needs a champion within our Club prepared to devote time to be effective. The Banbury Cherwell Club is looking at this too - maybe a joint effort?

Set up costs and other requests

Foundation had requested £600 for Crocus planting for which District have awarded a grant for £300. So Council supported asking approval from the Club for £600. Further requests will be made later to cover set up for the concerts when an event proposal form has been prepared.

It was pointed out that since District has awarded £300 for the crocus planting and a further £1200 towards the Sierra Leone Project our club has received the nominally available £1500 per club. More will only become available if others do not take up their "£1500 allocation".

Youth Services is looking to send young people to RYLA as well as the Calvert Trust and sought Council's approval to explore possible Rotaract members, after first talking with the Cherwell Club. It was suggested that Interact members might also possibly be considered in the summer that they leave school. Cost is about £600 pp but an event proposal will be produced if the Committee decides that they would like to go ahead.

A suggestion was made that the Club purchase a new laptop to use with our projector. Advice is required from someone with the appropriate knowledge. When costs are known, Council will consider further

and if agreed put a proposal to the Club for approval.

New Members Evening - Aynho, 29th July

President, PG, DH, RB, JS to attend and address new members' questions and concerns.

5th Friday Evening Meeting - Banbury House Hotel, 31st July

Held jointly with Banbury Cherwell and Inner Wheel, virtually a sell-out with 66 people attending.

Inner Wheel Tea and Cake Event – 16th August, Liz Rodrick's home, 3.00 to 5.00 pm

Support would be welcomed to help raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Golf

Keith Bigwood Trophy on 27th August being organised by Round Table with Malcolm Nutt our liaison.

Also, if our team are successful in the next round of the Rotary competition the next stage will be the National Finals.

80th Anniversary 24th October - Banbury Town Hall

Invitations now going out to other clubs. President of Aalen-Heidenheim will be attending.

Banbury Charities Sponsorship

The result of our request should be known after their next meeting on 19th August.

Presidential Citation

The requirements appear to be more difficult this year particularly regarding the membership number targets and the required use of the RI website by members.

Rotaract 40s Dance – 5th September Carrdus School

8 of our Club members known to be going so far - it would be good to have a few more.

If interested in joining our Club group please let the President know.

Snookathon – 12th September

The International Committee are organising this at the Bandstand in the High Street as a fundraiser for

Shelterbox. No setup costs required, but permission will be sought to use the proceeds to purchase a Shelterbox.

Curry and film evening (Second Best Exotic Marigold hotel) – 14th November

Also being organised by the International Committee.

And now for something different

How to write good

1. Avoid alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid clichés like the plague. (They're old hat.)
4. Employ the vernacular.
5. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
6. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.
7. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
8. Contractions aren't necessary.
- Nine. Be constant.
10. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
11. One should never generalize.
12. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
13. Comparisons are as bad as clichés.
14. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
15. Be more or less specific.
16. Understatement is always best.
17. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
18. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
19. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
20. The passive voice is to be avoided.
21. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
22. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
23. Who needs rhetorical questions?

District Conference Flyer

How do I book?

- Online at www.rotary1090conference2016.co.uk
- Through your clubs conference coordinator

What does it cost?

Early booking discount if booked **by 31st October 2015**.

Please note accommodation is not included in the prices below but discounts have been secured at both Savill Court Hotel and The Beaumont Hotel - details on the website.

| Package Name | Details | Price (per person) |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Platinum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Cabaret • Saturday Conference with 2 course lunch • Saturday Night Gala Dinner | £135.00 (£140 from 1/11/15) |
| Gold | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Conference with 2 course lunch • Saturday Night Gala Dinner | £100.00 (£105 from 1/11/15) |
| Silver | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Conference with 2 course lunch | £60.00 (£65 from 1/11/15) |
| Copper | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Cabaret • Saturday Conference with 2 course lunch | £95.00 (£100 from 1/11/15) |
| Bronze | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Night Gala Dinner only | £40.00 |

**We look forward to
seeing you there!**

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What is Rotary District Conference?

Rotary District 1090 consists of over 60 Rotary Clubs spread around the Thames Valley stretching from Oxfordshire, through Berkshire and parts of Buckinghamshire, to the outskirts of Greater London. District Conference is a great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians (and friends from Rotaract, Interact and Inner Wheel) as well as to spend a weekend with members of your own club having a good time. There will be around 500 people attending.

Why come to Conference?

- **Be inspired** – our district always has fantastic speakers at conference, ones that will inspire you to continue what we do in Rotary to improve the lives of others.
- **Be motivated** – meeting and talking to Rotarians from around the district is always amazing, just hearing how much we do will easily motivate you to do more.
- **Be enthused** – there's one quality that all Rotarians need, enthusiasm, and believe us when you attend a conference you'll certainly leave enthused to support Rotary, our club and our community.
- **Have fun** – there's no point in doing something if its not fun, and conferences are always, most definitely, fun! Not only do you get to spend more time with your fellow club members, you get to enjoy a beautiful part of the world and take in new experiences.

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What is new for 2016?

We're going to be basing the conference at a local venue, Savill Court Hotel. So if you would like to come just for the day to help reduce costs, and time involved, you can. There will also be entertainment to enjoy on Friday and Saturday night so you can still make a weekend of it if you prefer.

Savill Court is a stunning venue that is easy to get to and has plenty of free onsite parking. It also offers onsite accommodation of a very high quality, including use of the spa facilities, making it a magical weekend away.



The Itinerary

- **Friday Cabaret Evening:** With songs from the Musicals performed by Redroofs Theatre School, the stars of tomorrow. Includes a 2 course buffet
- **Saturday conference sessions** from 9.30am until 5pm. **NEW this year** a 2 course buffet lunch is included in the cost of the delegate rate.
- **Saturday Gala Dinner:** Enjoy a 3 course meal followed by live music from a 10-piece band to dance the night away.

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**LOCAL
ACTION
GLOBAL
IMPACT**



The Rotary District 1090 Conference is taking on a new and exciting format for 2016 and we want **YOU** to come and join the fun!

For the first time our conference will be all under one roof, giving everyone the chance to socialise, meet with friends, network and leave enthused to **take action** and **make a global impact**.

**SAVILL COURT HOTEL,
Windsor Great Park**

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The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for August

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Table Duty</u> | <u>Cash Desk</u> | <u>Fellowship</u> | <u>F&H in charge</u> |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 07 Aug | M. Recchia P. Richardson F. Riches I. Rodrick J. Smith P. Thomas | N. Halfpenny T. Iles | P. Shea | M. Humphris |
| 14 Aug | M. Dibb J. Donaldson M. Douglas J. Hansford O. Kyffin S. Kershaw | A. Fairbairn A. McHugh | J. Cooke | S. Maxwell |
| 21 Aug | K. Manning H. Matthews M. Nutt R. McLean H. Morris R. Nurden | J. Phillips J. Meredith | A. Ilott | R. Kipping |
| 28 Aug | R. Thompson M. Phillips N. Randall P. Richardson F. Riches I. Rodrick | G. Pollard A. Warren | T. Taylor | A. Wiltshire |

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 August and September

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Host</u> |
|-------------|---|--|-------------------|
| 07 Aug | Alan Wolstencroft | Sierra Leone | Maurice Humphris |
| 14 Aug | Andrew McHugh | Waterloo - Facts Behind the Myths | Peter Wilkins |
| 21 Aug | Jenny Cane | Hope and Home for Children | Bernard Goodchild |
| 28 Aug | | Fellowship Meeting - 2014-15 Slide show | |
| 04 Sept | Peter Williams | Unusual Billiard Tables Games | Peter Richardson |
| 11 Sept | Frank Wise School | Experience at Calvert Trust on RYLA | Nigel Randall |
| 18 Sept | Chaplain Gerard G Moate Bloxham School | How four strokes of a brush was worth £400,000. | John Webb |
| 25 Sept | Contact Talk | Contact - Germany 2015 | |