



## The September Diary

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sports and Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Classification, Membership & PR Committee Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District Council
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Town Mayor's Quiz Night
- 5<sup>th</sup> Old Town Party & Street Organ Festival
- 5<sup>th</sup> Rotaract 1940's Dance
- 6<sup>th</sup> Scouts and Cubs Sponsored Walk
- 7<sup>th</sup> Rotary National Golf Finals
- 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation Committee Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> Snookerthon Fund Raiser
- 13<sup>th</sup> Battle of Britain Parade
- 16<sup>th</sup> Youth Services Committee Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> International Committee Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> District Tea for Presidents
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Treasure Hunt

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## Africa One Year free of Polio



The 11<sup>th</sup> August marked a tremendous milestone: one full year without a single case of polio caused by wild poliovirus in Africa.

The magnitude of this achievement can hardly be overstated. A polio-free Africa has been within sight, so near and yet so far, for over a decade.

The hard work and commitment that have brought us to this point have been nothing short of heroic. Tens of thousands of health workers reached hundreds of millions of children with vaccine, in some of the most difficult conditions imaginable.

Together, we have done what once seemed impossible: We have stopped polio in Africa.

Yet this progress, momentous as it is, is still fragile. As long as polio exists in the two remaining endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan, the virus still has the potential to spread and to spark new outbreaks. Now, more than ever, we need the power of all of Rotary to carry us through to the end: not just a polio-free Africa, but a polio-free world.

Wherever you live, whether your country has just conquered polio or has been polio-free for decades, we need your voice, and your help. I ask all of you to find ways to raise awareness in your community, and beyond. We need every Rotarian, in every Rotary club, to be talking about polio: making sure that media outlets report on our progress and our elected officials see polio eradication as a global priority.

Your grassroots work helps drive the increased media coverage we have seen in the past year, which in turn drives global backing of our work to eradicate polio.

Together, we will keep polio front and centre in our communities and on our national agendas, keeping up the energy and the momentum that will push us through to the finish.

The battle in Africa has, for the moment, been won, but we need the strength of every Rotarian to help us win the war. Together, we will End Polio Now and truly "Be a Gift to the World".

K.R. Ravindran  
President, Rotary International

## Rotary Youth Exchange



Benefits of the Rotary Youth Exchange scheme were made clear at our meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August when we welcomed Maki from Osaka, Japan and Lucy from our own locality to our lunchtime meeting.

Both young ladies have obviously enjoyed experiencing each other's different cultures.

Lucy had earlier spent time in Japan and Maki is now coming towards the end of her stay in England, so it was time to exchange Club pennants and for District Youth Exchange Officer Alistair Knox to present Lucy with a certificate recognising her achievements during the exchange.

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## Inner Wheel Tea and Cakes



Congratulations to President Liz and her Inner Wheel members for the excellent "Tea & Cakes" event on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August raising funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Good food, company and thankfully the weather!

Ian Calderbank

## Congratulations



Very many congratulations to Gilbert and Tracy on your wedding.

May you have many happy years together.

## Ian's Items



31<sup>st</sup> July - What a magical 5<sup>th</sup> Friday evening we had - literally, as Graham entertained us with his magic after our dinner held at the Banbury House Hotel jointly with members of the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell and the Inner Wheel Club. Some of the old



magic tricks still raise the most laughs as we found out. They may be old but still they fool us. Just under 70 of us were amused and completely fooled by his clever act. No matter how close we were it was impossible to see how he does it. A fun evening!

3<sup>rd</sup> August - Good news for Rotary's own charity "Foundation". After all expenses have been paid "Stephen's Summer Steaming" raised £637. Well done to the organisers and thank you for giving us so much pleasure, particularly to the young folk as seen in the photo in the August Bulletin, posted on facebook and in the Banbury Guardian.

7<sup>th</sup> August - We held one of our "subcommittee" meetings organising the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for 24<sup>th</sup> October. Invitations are now going out and responses are positive.

7<sup>th</sup> August - We had an excellent talk by our Rotarian Alan Wolstencroft updating us on the progress now being made again in Sierra Leone (after the Ebola crisis), where so much has been achieved over recent years in building school rooms and adding facilities.

11<sup>th</sup> August - Great News that Africa has been free of polio for a year thanks to all the efforts by Rotary and the WHO. We are closer than ever to a polio-free world but we aren't there yet.

14<sup>th</sup> August - Benefits of the Rotary Youth Exchange scheme were made clear as we welcomed to our lunchtime meeting Maki from Osaka, Japan and Lucy from our own locality. Both young ladies have obviously enjoyed experiencing each other's different cultures.



Lucy had earlier spent time in Japan and Maki was coming to the end of her stay in England, so it was time to exchange Club banners and for our District Youth Exchange Officer, Alistair Knox, to present Lucy with a certificate recognising her achievements during the exchange.

Since her return, Maki has sent a glowing thank you e-mail to Geoff Pollard expressing her appreciation for our help in organising the exchange.

14<sup>th</sup> August - "Why we won (or maybe the French lost) the Battle of Waterloo". What a fascinating talk we had from Andrew McHugh on his return from joining the Battle commemorations.

We now understand how the losses endured in Napoleon's earlier Russian Campaign depleted his soldiers available for Waterloo. That and the strategic brilliance of Wellington decided the outcome. Well done Andrew for an entertaining and informative talk.

21<sup>st</sup> August - Hope & Homes for Children, [www.hopeandhomes.org](http://www.hopeandhomes.org) is a dynamic International charity helping thousands of children move from a life of desperation and despair in orphanages to a brighter future in families.

We heard Dr. Jenny Cane give an inspiring talk about an ambitious programme which is being progressively achieved.

24<sup>th</sup> August - Andrew Fairbairn and I moved a little closer to the 50 mile 24 hour Tour de Trigs orienteering/endurance challenge by walking 32 miles in 11½ hours. It was all in daylight which makes it that much easier of course but on a day when it never stopped raining so not too pleasant!

25<sup>th</sup> August - Congratulations to "The Lickers" from the Hook Norton Cycling Club who won the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell's Cycling Sportive trophy for the best team as judged by the highest average speed per cyclist.

They averaged 16 mph over a 100 mile course!!

The Awards Ceremony took place in the Great Hall of Broughton Castle with the trophy being presented by its donor Martin Fiennes.

Thanks and other due credits were given to those such as the Banbury Star Cycling Club who had helped in this highly successful event catering for a wide range of abilities and ages, with over 500 cyclists taking part on 100, 50, 20, or 5 mile courses.

Present were representatives of the Scouting Movement and the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars, both organisations having given important logistical support. Other guests attending the ceremony included Banbury's Town Mayor, Rotary's District Governor and Assistant Governor, and the Presidents of the Rotary Club of Banbury, Inner

Wheel and Rotaract.



The net profit from this year's event is £8,150 which will be distributed to charity with the total for the past three years being £20k.

We now look forward to next year's event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

27<sup>th</sup> August - The Keith Bigwood Golf Trophy has been won this year by our team, ending a three year succession of wins by the Round Table team.

Well done to our top golfers and good luck in organising next year's event, which is the only "downside" of winning!

Ian Calderbank

### *Contact talk trailer*



Club contact du 05 au 08 mai 2016

We look forward to learning more about our Rotary European Contact Club at our meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

The association is with the four other clubs of Biella Italy, Aalen Heideheim Germany, Villefranche en Beaujolais France, and Olten Switzerland,.

It began when some Rotarians from Banbury led by Bill Trinder visited a Rotarian friend in Villefranche en Beaujolais.

It was then suggested that we join with the other clubs and start the five way contact.

Each of the five clubs takes turns in hosting the weekend.

Banbury did so in 2014 and next May we shall be at Villefranche en Beaujolais again, it being Contact's 59<sup>th</sup> year.

The programme for the visit is:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May: welcome

Arrival at the Hotel Plalsanoe  
Drinks reception  
Welcoming in host family  
Dinner with your host friends

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May: the river

Heading for Lyon on the boat HERMES  
Aperitif and lunch on board  
Cruising in the historic centre Lyon (classified as a world heritage site bny UNESCO)  
Visit to the new museum of Confluences (the history of the human being from its origin to today)  
Typical dinner from our rivers and ponds (for the young people bowling and pizza)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: the stone

Visit to the middle age castle of Montmelas  
Wine tasting and aperitif on the spot  
Departure to OINGT (classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France)  
Beaujolais Lunch  
Discovering the village and visit to wine cellars  
Gala dinner: singing and dancing party (each club will sing a song of its choice)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May: the trip back

Time to say goodbye  
For our golfer friends, possibility to play golf  
For the others, have a good trip back and see you soon ..... .

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## Speaker Reports

*Graham Anker – Now you see it, now you don't*



As good as his word, President Ian's promise to continue to make our "5<sup>th</sup> Friday" evenings a little different certainly proved correct on the evening of 31<sup>st</sup> July.

We were joined by the President's and some members of both Banbury Cherwell Rotary Club and Banbury Inner Wheel. Banbury House Hotel staff provided us with an enjoyable meal and then ushered us into an adjoining room, set up theatre style, for our evening entertainment.

Rotarian Graham Anker, he of the Magic Circle, had been persuaded to brush off his props to amaze us with a demonstration of his skill as a Prestidigitator. (I've wanted to use that word for years!)

For the best part of 30 minutes Graham proceeded to baffle us with a wide variety of magic tricks, inviting several in the audience to take part. His performance was both slick and humorous and although he confided to me during the meal that he had not rehearsed and that many of the tricks had not been used for ages, he certainly hadn't lost his magic touch. And his mind reading skills were baffling.

During the performance, Graham explained how he was inspired to become a magician by his father, who used to do a few magic tricks at children's parties when Graham was a little boy.

Thank you Graham - a really enjoyable evening, which rounded off a most convivial 5<sup>th</sup> Friday.

John Bennett

*Alan Wolstencroft – Alan's Africa*



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August our very own Alan briefly outlined the work that he had inspired and for which he had led the raising of funds, mainly in Freetown over the eight years that he had been visiting Sierra Leone. This incidentally was his 297<sup>th</sup> talk about his work in Africa. The word inspired is mine and certainly not Alan's who remains remarkably modest about the work.

He then went on to tell the club of the post e-bola situation. During the epidemic all meetings of more than six people were banned so schools were obliged to close which meant that the teachers were not paid. As soon as it was possible work continued on some of the improvements, but when the schools re-opened there were far less children than before because families simply could not afford the £10 per term, inflation being 25% they were hard pushed simply to pay for food. Alan made an appeal which was immediately successful, indeed one Rotarian in our District gave £1,200, allowing 120 children back to school!

The work goes on, Chacombe Primary School is now twinning with Christian Hope School in Freetown, they have sent tables and chairs which they had replaced, the ones they replaced in Freetown were then passed on to a still poorer school; nothing is wasted.

Good News Pentecostal School in Freetown share a toilet between 100 children and 10 neighbouring families, a new toilet block is planned at a cost of £3,500, and two new classrooms, costing a further £6,000.

Christian Hope School also needs a new toilet block which will cost £3,000. It is remarkable how these projects are funded, the work completed in quick time and often under budget.

In thanking Alan, I felt compelled to say that I was sure I was speaking for the whole club when I say how proud we are of the work Alan is doing and to have him as a member.



For the benefit of fairly new members who do not know the background to Alan's work in Africa I offer a brief resume:-

Alan joined this club in 2004 and in 2005 he went to Sierra Leone as a member of a Rotary Mission Challenge team, he was so moved by the plight of the people that he has returned a further 8 times and has master minded the building of new classrooms and toilet blocks in no less than three school in the capital Freetown.

In 2007 he became involved with Goodwill & Growth for Africa (GAGA) and was appointed a trustee in 2008 and has visited South Africa 4 times to work on various projects. He is also a founder trustee of the Westminster Group Foundation, Westminster Security having given him a great deal of help with travel both for himself, supplies and equipment.

In recognition of his work in 2009 the club made him a Paul Harris Fellow and in 2013 Rotary International awarded him the very prestigious 'Service above Self' award, one of only 150 worldwide in that year. To date a total of £172,750 has been raised by Alan, £126,950 for Sierra Leone, the remainder for GAGA or Mercy Ships.

By working with local people he can trust Alan ensures that all monies raised are properly used.

Maurice Humphris

### *Andrew McHugh – Waterloo Facts Behind the Myths*



Titled "The Battle of Waterloo -The Facts Behind the Myths" this presentation by our own Andrew McHugh on 14<sup>th</sup> August provided our members with a fascinating overview of the battle, and the events leading to the clash of three great armies over those fateful days of June 1815.

Napoleon's Army was greatly weakened by the retreat from Moscow in 1812 and so the numbers of experienced men available in 1815 was reduced.

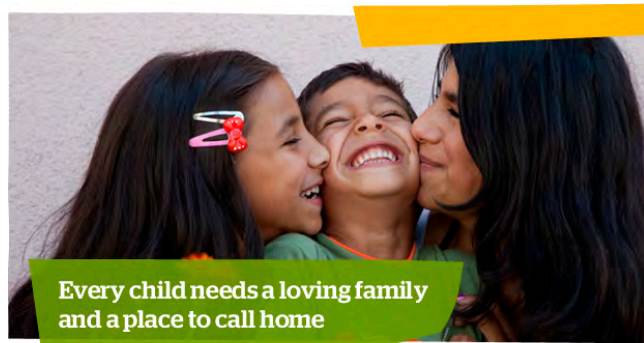
Wellington, on the other hand, came to the field of battle with a chain of victories, so Waterloo provided the venue for the clash of these great commanders. The British troops occupied the ridge at the top of a slight uphill slope, which the French attempted to charge with infantry and cavalry. Wellington's choice of this defensive position and his wise use of infantry squares and our counter charges ultimately held the French till the arrival of the Prussian Army completed the great victory. Both Commanders were in the thick of the fighting risking their lives to inspire their men and interpret the opponents' tactics

The horror of this battle, some 65,000 casualties and 10,000 horses lost and the total defeat of the French with Napoleon finally exiled to St Helena led to an era of Congress throughout Europe with peace for some 80 years.

Andrew gave us a brilliant presentation of this famous battle reinforced by his military background he captured the intensity and misery of war. He described how Napoleon actively lost the battle and Wellington actively won the battle. The bravery of all involved was made evident and he dispelled the myth that Waterloo was a close run thing.

Peter Wilkins

### *Jenny Cane - Hope and Home for Children*



Our speaker on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August was Jenny Cane from Hope & Homes for Children.

Hope & Homes for Children is an International charity operating throughout the world but principally active in the eastern European countries (Romania, Estonia, and Bulgaria), and the African continent where traditionally children with medical conditions and born into poverty are taken from their parents and sent to very unpleasant and poorly managed orphanages.

Hope & Homes for Children's Vision is a world in which children no longer suffer institutional care.

Jenny's presentation centred on a child's absolute need for loving family support to provide a stable platform in their early years to achieve success in life in the future.

Why the need for action?

- In many third world institutions, children are rarely taken out of their cots, never mind the building. This inhibits their immune systems.
- Lack of stimulation also leads to self-harming so in many institutions the staff tie their limbs to their cots.
- The lack of stimulation also means that children are unable to form attachments and are slow to learn. Physical problems are not picked up and many minor disabilities lead to severe disabilities developing.
- As you enter the worst of the orphanages, the first thing that you notice is the smell and the second is silence. Babies learn very quickly that when they cry and no one comes there is no point in crying.
- As a result of this neglect, children who leave institutions when they are old enough are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation as they have no life skills - they are at greater risk of homelessness, crime, prostitution and suicide.
- It is estimated that there are 8 million children in orphanages and in many countries 90% are not actually orphans.

HHFC's Mission is to be the catalyst for the global eradication of institutional care.

- It is not a sticking plaster charity - they are tackling the cause not just patching up the symptoms.
- HHFC works in partnership with communities, governments and other charities to end institutional care in a carefully selected number of countries and use this to catalyse global reform.
- Romania for example has gone from over 100,000 children to around 9,000 children in orphanages as a result of HHFC's work.
- HHFC helps to keep families together (as in the UK) or in case of need for children to be placed with extended families. If not possible then it will encourage fostering or adoption. If this all fails then children move into care homes with no more than 10/12 children.

The solution to the overall problem.

1. HHFC actually delivers projects to close orphanages.

2. Secondly they work to change government and international policy.
3. They train professionals in at all levels of childcare provision in delivering family based care.
4. Strengthen vulnerable families so that they do not feel that their only option is to give up their children.
5. In 2015 HHFC has closed 5 orphanages and continues to work on closing 30 more.
6. In 2015 - £7.4m was raised and spent on the charities activities.

Rotary's contribution.

Since 1994 Rotarians and Rotary Clubs have raised over £3m for HHFC to assist thousands of children move from a life of desperation and despair to a brighter future.

Summary

Jenny gave a highly detailed, passionate and moving speech with a request for more ongoing support for this highly active and caring charity

Bernard Goodchild

## *Around the Committees*

### *Hon Secretary*

Council agreed to vote for Gillian Pearce as the District Governor for 2018-19

Council asked the President to remind members at the next meeting that even though Leave Of Absence is granted there is a need to apologise in the book or to the F&H Chairman for the relevant meeting dates to avoid brown envelopes.

### *Hon Treasurer*

All annual subscriptions have now been paid as have Capitation to RIBI and District for 76 members.

Trust Accounts - Free Funds are currently £4804.

A reminder that an Event Proposal Form with Budget is required when asking for Setup costs.

That portion of interest earned last year traditionally available for the President to allocate to his chosen charity was £129 - Council agreed to make it up to £200 and Phil was invited to nominate his charity.

### *Club Representations*

President had represented Club at the Inner Wheel Tea, Councillor Ann Bonner's funeral, and the Banbury Cherwell Club's Cycling Sportive Awards

evening at which we were presented with a cheque for £250. Council to decide at the September meeting which charity should benefit from this cheque.

### *New Members Evening*

A useful discussion resulted with requests for name badges to be worn at Friday meetings and options for committee membership to be reviewed.

President to emphasise the importance of name badges and the possible use of the Presidential Polio Pot as appropriate!

### *5<sup>th</sup> Friday Evening Meetings*

The "Joint" evening on 31<sup>st</sup> July with the Cherwell Club and Inner Wheel had received positive feedback with the larger numbers helping the mood of the event.

The invitation to the other Clubs is to be repeated for 29<sup>th</sup> January when we shall meet at the Freemasons' Hall with an entertaining speaker.

It was also agreed to have some light/humorous musical entertainment following a dinner at the Wroxton House Hotel for 29<sup>th</sup> April. President was asked to arrange provisional bookings accordingly.

### *Stephen's Summer Steaming*

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

### *District*

District Council Meeting at Benson on 3<sup>rd</sup> September - President and Ron to attend.

Conference on 11/12 March 2016 - so far 11 members and guests booked in.

Grants - Council agreed that any project leader or committee chairman seeking District or Global Grants in future should first submit the relevant Event Proposal Form and Budget to Club Council before making application to District.

There should also be greater forward planning each year via Council to set Club priorities where competition might arise for the limited amount available from District.

### *Rotaract 40s Dance*

12 members and guests attending on 5 September at Carrdus School.

### *Snookathon – 12<sup>th</sup> September*

The International Committee are organising this at the Bandstand in the High Street. Council agreed that the beneficiary from this and the subsequent Curry and Film Evening on 14<sup>th</sup> November can be changed from Shelterbox to support instead the urgent sanitary refurbishment requirements at Christian Hope School in Sierra Leone.

### *80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 24<sup>th</sup> October - Banbury Town Hall*

Invitations have now been sent out to Club guests, members, widows of past members, Inner Wheel and other local and Rotary White Zone Clubs.

Replies required by 24<sup>th</sup> September and a positive response already. Follow up letter to be sent to those attending advising that regalia should be worn, no gifts to the Club requested, location details, wine list and bar prices but a welcome drink on arriving. Memorabilia being sought for display.

### *Set up costs and other requests agreed*

£2000 for the Crocus Concerts, £1200 for sanitary facilities refurbishment at Christian Hope School, Sierra Leone from Trust funds and £300 for a new laptop from Club funds.

Details of setup costs of the Snookathon still awaited.

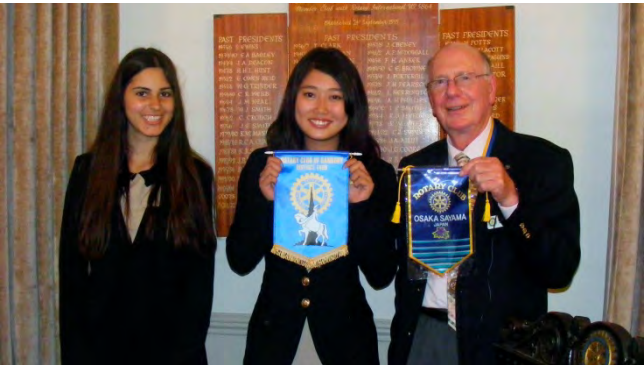
### *And now for something different*

#### *10 Reasons why English is Weird*

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.



*The Month in Pictures*



## *Weekly Meeting Duties for September*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&amp;H in charge</u>
04 Sept	J. Smith D. Sullivan P. Thomas P. Williams J. Webb A. Wolstencroft	R. Thompson E. Watson	E. Woodruff	A. Ilott
11 Sept	R. Worrall N. Yeadon I. Anthistle R. Barnett J. Bennett S. Bion	G. Anker P. Wilkins	J. Cooke	S. Crump
18 Sept	A. Brace J. Brodey T. Bryce M. Budd P. Cavill B. Cornley	H. Braisby Peggy Williams	D. Blakey	M. Humphris
25 Sept .	G.Csecs S. Dhesi J. Donaldson M. Douglas A. Fairbairn B. Goodchild	B. Doe N.Deakin	B. Gardner	R. Kipping

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 September and October*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
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	Martin Phillips, Phil Cavill, Helen Morris	Contact Talk	Ian Calderbank
02 Oct	Liz Atkins Teenage Cancer Trust	Trek Around Wales	Jon Meredith
09 Oct	Malcolm Douglas	Longer Serving Member	Phil Cavill
16 Oct	Mike Grocott	Space Studio Banbury	Maurice Humphris
23 Oct	Ken Norman	Laughing all the Way from Bank	Owen Kyffin
30 Oct	Alistair Borland	Blood, Bikers and Babies.	Simon Bion