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Rotary Scholarships



The Rotary Foundation has a rich history of funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study in a wide range of academic fields. Clubs and districts can create their own scholarships and fund them with district grants for any level of studies or with global grants for graduate studies in an area of focus.

District grants can be used to sponsor secondary school, undergraduate, or graduate students studying any subject, either locally or abroad. In addition, the scholarship may cover any length of time – from a six-week language training programme to a year or more of university study. Districts may ask scholars to make presentations to local Rotary clubs and participate in Rotary service projects, but such involvement is not required by the Foundation.

The district is responsible for all administrative support for district grant scholars. No host counsellor is provided for international district grant scholars. Districts may request assistance from Rotarians in the area where the scholar will be studying, but those clubs are under no obligation to act as hosts. It is recommended that districts appoint a scholarships subcommittee chair to manage the logistics of identifying and approving candidates, making payments, and coordinating with the district in which the scholar will be studying.

Global grants support scholarships for graduate students studying abroad in one of the six areas of focus. Scholarships range from one to four years and therefore can include an

entire degree programme. Prospective scholars must show proof of admission to the chosen university before the grant will be approved.

Global grant scholars are expected to participate in club or district activities before, during, and after the scholarship.

Global grant scholarships are funded using cash and/or the District Designated Fund, matched by the World Fund. The global grant budget must total at least US\$30,000, but a scholarship may be a component of a larger grant application – for example, a scholarship plus a humanitarian project.

The Rotary Foundation offers a limited number of scholarships annually for water and sanitation professionals to study at UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft, the Netherlands. Rotary clubs and districts interview applicants who have been admitted to the institute in one of three master's degree programmes and recommend scholarship candidates.

Rotary's six areas of focus are:

Promoting peace - Today, 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Through our partnerships with several leading universities, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. We provide up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centres.

Fighting disease - More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Our members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Many of our projects ensure that medical training facilities are located where the workforce lives.

Providing clean water - More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.

Saving mothers and children - At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve

access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programmes.

Supporting education - Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Growing local economies - Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities

Keith Bigwood Trophy



Golfers from Banbury Round Table, 41 Club and Rotary competed for the prestigious Keith Bigwood Trophy on 27th August.

Now in its 46th year the winners were the Rotary Club of Banbury whose best three scores of 102 points were enough to take the prize. This ended a previous three years of winning by Round Table.

Rotarian Malcolm Nutt shows the trophy to President Ian Calderbank.

A good day of golf, food & fellowship - thank you to Tadmarton Heath Golf Club for a super day.

Malcolm Nutt

In the mood!



Thank you Banbury Rotaract Club for giving us a super evening at your 1940s Dance, raising funds for "The Forces Childrens' Trust".

Attendees entered into the spirit of the evening suitably attired in uniforms, wartime utility clothing or the smarter outfits and accessories of the later '40s.

Dancing to live music of the time and a substantial buffet all made for an excellent evening.

Well done!

Ian Calderbank

Congratulations



Great day at Leicester Golf Club on Monday 7th September for the 2015 Rotary National Finals.

Seventeen teams of three competed, having won their respective District knockout heats. Best two of three stableford scores counted.

The Banbury team were relegated to fourth place by the very last group to finish. Overall winners for the 3rd year in succession on 80 points were Tamworth, 2nd Consett on 74, 3rd Chelmsford on 72 and Banbury 4th on 71points.

Thank you to the organisers, Rotary Club of Leicester, and Leicester G.C. who this year celebrated their 125th anniversary.

Banbury Rotarians Malcolm Nutt, (who began his golfing career at Leicester and was Club Champion in 1981), won 3rd place in the individual and Bernard Goodchild nearest the pin prizes.

Phil Cavill

Welcome to Zali



A warm welcome on 10th September to Zali Fung from Australia, one of fourteen international Rotary Scholars in District 1090 this year.

Zali will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Banbury and study at Green Templeton College, Oxford for an M.Sc. in Water Science, Policy and Management.

We hope you have a successful and enjoyable year.

Brodey Bursary



Congratulations to Burt Pickering and Gemma Rowe Jones who have been awarded Brodey Engineering Bursaries by the Rotary Club of Banbury to support them on their university courses starting this year.

This means that there will be eight engineering students supported by the Brodey Bursary during this coming academic year.

Best wishes to them all for their studies.

Ian's Items



2 September

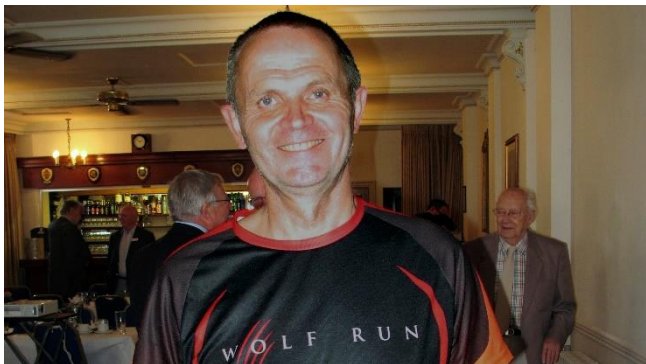
It was an encouraging experience joining John and Neill Brodey to interview Burt Pickering and Gemma Rowe Jones to whom we awarded Brodey Engineering Bursaries. This means that there will be eight engineering students supported by the Brodey Bursary during this coming academic year.

4 September

At the Friday lunchtime meeting, as a precursor to our Rotary Snookathon, our own "Fastest Cue Slinger" Peter Williams gave an interesting talk about the history of billiards and snooker illustrated by pictures from his book and the historical items passed around.

5 September

It was good to learn that Andrew Fairbairn had completed the Wolf Run without injury! This 10k cross country through streams, mud and other obstacles is no mean feat. As one of the Ellacotts team he raised funds, sponsored generously by many of our members, for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.



5 September

A number of us attended the Banbury Rotaract Club's 1940s Dance, raising funds for "The Forces Childrens' Trust".

7 September

Having won the Keith Bigwood Trophy less than two weeks before, our golfers Malcolm Nutt, Bernard Goodchild and Phil Cavill had another great day at Leicester Golf Club in the 2015 Rotary National Finals.

11 September

What a pleasure it was hearing Josh Miles from the Frank Wise School's Post 16 provision talk about his experiences at the Calvert Trust in Exmoor. Away from the regular home and school comforts and support of familiar staff, he and fellow student Anne Read had booked themselves in for a weekend of outdoor adventure! The students braved the centre's zip wire, abseiled steep rock faces and canoed the icy Devonshire waters whilst fending for themselves for 72 hours under the discrete supervision of the centre staff. The trip, was our fourth such sponsorship to Frank Wise students.

12 September

The day of our Snookathon challenge to find the Fastest Cue Slinger in Banbury. Congratulations to Adam Maylor who managed to pot the 10 balls in a remarkable 1 minute 4.4 secs!

Also, congratulations to the winner of the U14 section, Cameron Baugh and his friend Lewis Coleman who came a close runner up.

Our TV screen showed the contestants and visitors shots from the school in Sierra Leone where money raised will go to help to refurbish their toilet facilities.



13 September

Pat and I attended the Battle of Britain Parade in Banbury, which included a Spitfire flypast following the Service at St. Mary's. It was well organised by the Town Council with excellent music from the 1460 Banbury Squadron Air Cadets band, and not forgetting the Rotarian Stewards keeping everyone safe.

15 September

John Smith, Simon Porter and I attended the Cherwell Club's evening meeting and heard Alistair Knox from District talk about attracting young professionals into the Rotary movement. Following his talk Alistair split us into small groups in workshop mode to consider a few case studies of potential member scenarios and then report our findings, with some interesting results.

16 September

It was a great pleasure to accompany Past President Charles Swain to Oxford for one of his treatments.

Charles, although unable to attend our lunchtime meetings these days is always interested in the Club and was described in the 1935-85 History book as having been a "tower of strength" and "carrying the lions share" when in 1974 he chaired the Major Projects Committee tasked with raising funds to enable the rebuilding of the Old People's Club in Banbury.

It was also a pleasure later that afternoon to visit another Past President Tony Brace, this time in the Horton General Hospital. Tony had just returned to Banbury following his emergency treatment in Exeter and, although still very much in recovery mode, he displayed as ever his fine sense of humour. We look forward now to his speedy recovery.

The evening was spent in meetings of the Youth Services and International Committees who clearly have their future events well planned.

17 September

Pat and I joined a number of our members at the Early Bird supper in the Cricket Club where we were treated to another excellent value meal well organised as ever by Annie Phillips with Martin trying to be useful too.

18 September

We were pleased to welcome to the lunchtime meeting our Rotary Scholar Zali, mentioned earlier. We also enjoyed a fascinating talk by Rev. Dr. Gerard Moate, Chaplain of Bloxham School.

After the meeting Zali came back to Aynho for a short home visit before I delivered her to Warwick for a weekend Conference and get-together with fellow Scholars from around the world.



19 September,

Pat and I attended an Afternoon Tea with the District Governor and other Presidents at the Savill Court Hotel in Windsor where the District Conference will be held next March. We also took the opportunity to join a guided tour of the Savill Gardens which had been organised.

21 September

Another walk with Andrew Fairbairn in preparation for the 50 mile 24-hour Tour de Trigs orienteering/endurance challenge. We walked 36 miles but our pace was a little slower this time, starting at 5.00 am in the dark and finishing at 7.00 pm. It was dry at the start and finish but rained for most of the day. The rain, ploughed fields and occasional steep hills (Edgehill for example) meant that it was a trifle hard going at times.

23 September

Council met in Aynho and a summary of the outcome is elsewhere in this Bulletin.

27 September

A number of us went on a fun Treasure Hunt starting in Bloxham and finishing at the Masons Arms for a pleasant Sunday Lunch where any who had become lost could regain their dignity.

Organised by Nigel Yeadon and John Bennett of the Sports and Entertainment Committee there was always the possibility of a repeat of the recent London trip in terms of arriving in the right place at the right time but in fact all worked out well in the end.

The winner naturally was the President's car which did have the advantage of having a four-member International team from Brazil, Wales and even jolly old England.

Ian Calderbank

Speaker Reports

Peter Williams – Unusual Billiard Tables Games



On Friday 4th September Peter Williams gave a very interesting and enjoyable talk about one of his passions; Snooker. He supplemented his talk with a slide show and distributed to us quite a few artefacts of the game.

Peter is I believe, unique to our Rotary Club in that he is a professional sportsperson, i.e. a professional Snooker player. He is also a qualified Referee and Coach. With all of these credentials together, he must win a lot of games.

Here is a summary of his talk, without his humour.

1. In the beginning - Billiards and Snooker

The game of Billiards was the forerunner of Snooker and was probably first played in the 15th century, outside on grass and without pockets. Only two white balls were used. Hoops were positioned on the area used and the game was played in a similar manner to croquet.

In the 19th century additional coloured balls were added and the British Army Officers stationed in India, with time on their hands invented the modern game of Snooker. Around the world other countries also claim credit for the introduction of this game.

Popularity in England grew but generally it was still a game for the gentry, and many well established gentleman clubs which had tables and would not allow non-members inside to play. To accommodate the popularity of the game, smaller and more open snooker-specific clubs started to be formed.

2. Early Billiard Tables and the Development of the Modern Tables.

We were told that the game of Billiards was brought inside mainly to overcome the inclement weather. The balls were made of wood so light wooden tables with pockets were used and a wooden frame was affixed to the perimeter of the table, to prevent the

balls falling off. These tables impacted by the balls were very noisy so it became necessary to pad the perimeter surrounds and to apply felt to the table surface tops. The felt was green in colour simulating the grass.

Now the game became more skilful and with the introduction of the ivory ball it became necessary to improve the accuracy of the playing surface. The main improvement being the introduction of a 1 inch thick slate base covered with thin felt. Most tables were custom built for the aristocracy. Peter showed to us some slides of tables with beautifully carved legs and told us about some very unusual tables.

The slate base was increased to 1¾ inches the size now used and the table's physical dimensions were also standardised.

3. The Balls

Ivory balls were introduced and were found to be superior to the wooden balls widely used. The major problem with ivory was that thousands of elephants were killed to satisfy demand. Fortunately an American produced a plastic composite ball, followed by various new types of balls until a cast synthetic resin ball was developed having high degrees of accuracy.

Peter informed us that the ball that is now used is manufactured from a secret formula.

4. The Billiard Cue

The Cue has had a long and varied life with many changes to the materials and shapes utilised. In the beginning the ball was struck with a Mace, this being a blunt instrument.

Cues were manufactured left and right handed and some to be used at both ends, the simple innovation that improved the skill set was the use of the chalk.

Peter told us about extension to the cues and also about Billiard table lighting he then combined these two elements and showed us how we could attempt to knock down the Chandelier in the Masonic Hall. Fortunately this manoeuvre was not successful.

We then learnt about Marking Boards and Scoring Boards and lots more about the game. The success of the talk could be measured but the interest shown by the Rotarians with respect the number of questions they asked.

Peter Richardson

Frank Wise School – Experience at Calvert Trust on RYLA



Members of the Rotary Club of Banbury were entertained at lunch on Friday 19th September by Joshua Miles and Anthony Munday from the Griffiths Centre at Frank Wise School.

Students Josh Miles and Anna Read from the Frank Wise School's Post 16 provision, having successfully achieved new levels of independence through their work at the Griffiths Centre, had recently taken advantage of an opportunity to put their skills to the test at the Calvert Trust, situated in Exmoor. Away from the regular home and school comforts and support of familiar staff, the young adults booked themselves in for a weekend of outdoor adventure!

Josh showed a short video and gave a presentation to Club on his and Anna's experience braving the centre's zip wire, abseiling steep rock faces and canoeing the icy Devonshire waters whilst fending for themselves for 72 hours under the discrete supervision of the centre staff.

This trip was the fourth such offering sponsored by the Rotary Club of Banbury, and Anthony Munday, a teacher at the Griffiths Centre, shared his delight that Josh and Anna had been given this opportunity: "We strive to establish new, motivating and challenging opportunities for all students in the Griffiths Centre in order for them to develop their independence in real life, functional settings. We offer our own residential trip each year but the Calvert Trust weekend takes this one step further and thanks to the hard work of Banbury's Rotarians, it is not an additional cost that families have to find. The students consistently return full of confidence and go on to achieve even greater things, including delivering a series of presentations to different audiences about their experiences".

It has always been very satisfying for Members to hear direct personal feedback from such a project, and Joshua was able to display his improving confidence during the very competent presentation

solely prepared by him. Club is extremely proud to have worked with students and teachers from the Griffiths Centre at the Frank Wise School, and the Calvert Trust, Exmoor, and is currently considering whether to continue this sponsorship in 2016.

Nig Randall

Gerard G Moate – How four strokes of a brush was worth £400,000



The talk to the club on 18th September was given by Revd Dr. Gerard Moate of Bloxham College. The above subject was in relation to his time as a vicar and Lecturer of Dedham from January 1995.

Dedham is a parish on the borders of Essex and Suffolk and with the living went twenty seven trusts, and the ownership of seven buildings including being the sole trustee of the village hall. Gerard was perfectly happy with most of these responsibilities except being the sole trustee of the village hall which was quite a responsibility.

The first job was, therefore, to have a look at that building which he quickly discovered was in a sorry state of repair, so he got in a surveyor to see how much it would cost to put the building right and discovered to his horror that he was looking at a sum of £90,000. Gerard then called a parish meeting to seek support to raise this sum and discovered that there was no interest or enthusiasm for the project for many reasons and the building had been "done without" for so long it was no longer an integral part of village life.

Doing some research into paintings by John Constable, who painted the landscape around this part of the country, Gerard discovered there were several studies of the same view which featured the tower at Dedham in the background and also the village scene in the distance.

However, the artist had used some "artist's licence" to portray the scene and in a painting dated 1828 he had shown not only the familiar crouching damsel dressed in red but also the village hall at Dedham,

but this time depicted the village hall as four columns painted by Constable as four small downward strokes of his brush. This could suggest that the building was once a “Greek Temple” style assembly room which would make the building much older than at first envisaged.

These buildings would have had a quadrant of timber at each corner and so the search was now on to try to find a quadrant of timber that had once formed part of a column in the building that now needed so much repair.

In this part of the country in those far off days recycling of any useful materials was common place and it would be perfectly feasible for old timbers from a previous hall to have been re-used in any reconstruction of the present building.

This investigation went on for some time until a quadrant of timber was found in the roof space that had a fragment of bark on it and looked as though it could have been a part of one of the columns. At Cambridge University there was a Dendrochronologist who studied the age of timber and he was able, through knowledge and methods that had been developed, to date the wood found in the roof to very accurately to the year it was cut down which was 1745.

This information, along with all the other investigation material regarding the building that had been put together over a long period of time was now sent to English Heritage to give it their consideration for a grant for repairs.

A long wait ensued, and in this time further grant aid was also sought. In the end English Heritage gave a grant of £427,000 towards the total cost of £650,000 which enabled Gerard as the sole trustee to rebuild “his” village hall and reinstall the minstrel’s gallery, all to English Heritage specifications including the colour of the paint.

The village hall is now well used and an integral part of the community, so those four strokes of the brush in Constables’ painting were really worth £400,000, not bad for a village hall!

The vote of thanks was given by Gerard’s host Rtn John Webb which was suitably brief as the speaker was so well prepared and precise in his delivery that any words by the host would have been entirely superfluous. The attending Rotarians showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

John Webb

Martin, Phil and Helen – Contact Club



On Friday 25th September we were treated to a trio of speakers enlightening us about our Contact Club meeting.

Contact Club started in 1953 with the French and German clubs, the Italians and Swiss joined the following year.

Banbury Rotarian Bill Trinder had a long term pen friend in the Villefranche Club and it was through this connection that our club was invited to join the group in 1955.

This year was the 60th anniversary of the meeting of all five clubs.

The original purpose of the Contact group, in true Rotary traditions of friendship and fellowship, was to help reconcile the European nations after the disastrous second world war.

Di and Phil Cavill are relative newcomers to Contact Club visits, so far they have only been to Switzerland and Germany. Being on the project team that planned the Banbury events in 2009 and 2014 though, they had a good idea of what was involved and have only positive things to say about both visits.

This year they went to the Rotary Club of Aalen-Heidenheim, which is in Baden Württemberg, Germany’s 3rd largest state, the home of Mercedes Benz, Porsche and many successful manufacturing and export businesses.

Aalen and Heidenheim are two distinct towns of approximately 50,000 inhabitants each, roughly the same size as Banbury. Located in southern Germany, near Bavaria, the towns are set in two valleys and the surrounding tree lined Swabian Alps.

You get the option to stay in a hotel or in a Rotarians home. They have had good experiences doing both but they think that you learn more about the people, the country and its culture by staying in homes. Usually there are 60 to 80 total visitors and it’s about a 70/30 split in favour of hotels. It’s

cheaper for the host club if people do stay in homes but the Italians don't usually do that.

Their visit to Germany began with flights from Heathrow to Stuttgart. We were encouraged by President Manfred Grimminger to stay with fellow Rotarians and Phil and Di stayed with Norbert and Elfie Nettenheim. Norbert is a finance director for Voith GmbH, a family-run multinational corporation in the mechanical engineering sector with worldwide operations and over 30,000 employees. Elfie is a Marketing Manager for Hartmann a supplier of medical equipment.

Typically, arrival on Day 1 is Thursday, with time to settle into your accommodation. It is traditional on the first evening to dine with your hosts. Norbert and Elfi invited Annie and Martin Phillips, Pat and Ian Calderbank and their hosts for an excellent BBQ. They were blessed with a warm evening to sit outside and enjoyed much chatter about the upcoming programme, the local football club derby, which we visited in the afternoon, the E.U., the recent UK election and the proposed UK in/out referendum.

Friday and Saturday - Days 2 and 3 are usually the formal programme when we are transported by coach to local towns, museums, art galleries or vocational visits.

Lunches and dinners are often in places of historical importance, when local speciality food and wine is served, often accompanied by traditional music and entertainment. For example, dinner on day 2 in Germany was at Schloss Fachsenfeld, a restored castle. They were met by a brass band, strolled in the grounds and had an excellent meal.

The Gala evening on day 3 at the Hammerschmiede in Königsbronn, was a great evening with pre-dinner entertainment, lovely meal and wines, followed by speeches from the Presidents of Aalen-Heidenheim and Villefranche en Beaujolais. Both Presidents confirmed the importance of the Contact Club meetings, the 60 years of history and importance in helping build peace and reconciliation between European nations. With dancing to a live band and it proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

Day 4 Sunday was departure day - with flights in the early evening to Heathrow. Our hosts arranged a visit and talk at a local gallery where Rotarian sculptor Franklin Pühn at 90 years of age is still producing amazing 3D art. We had a relaxing lunch at the Best Western hotel in Heidenheim and then bid Auf Wiedersehen to our hosts.

The cost of the visit this year was €425 p.p. plus flights, altogether about £450 sterling. There were no other costs as all accommodation, transport, meals and drinks are included. Rotarians coming to Banbury would pay about the same amount.

On most occasions in the past the Banbury party has stayed on for a few extra days in local places of interest. In 2013 we stayed at a fabulous hotel on Lake Zurich, this would be an optional additional cost.

Helen joined Rotary in 2010 and went on my first Rotary Contact to Villafrance the following year in 2011.

It was a very enjoyable/friendship week-end. She and Joe drove there and stopped en-route, a few other members took a few more nights driving there and travelling back to extend their holiday. Others would have flown there either with or without fellow Rotarians where they would be picked up at the airport by French Rotarians

We were all welcomed at a hotel, given our badges and week-end information, met up with all the visiting Rotarians and partners and introduced to French Rotarians who were hosting us - Helen's was Sylvie and Guy who had a lovely home with two young children. On the first Thursday evening they had invited quite a lot for dinner - Rotarians and partners from France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy and even us from Banbury with Rupert and Rosalind.

The first morning we were taken to a Bird Park by coach where we had an exhibition to start with and then we all wandered around and later on had a chatty lunch. From there we were taken to a Museum and then had a great supper before returning to the Host's home.

On Saturday morning we were taken to a French Rotarian's large home where we were given a Talk about his growing grapes for making various wines and then we had a lovely wine tasting session before lunch there too. That afternoon was a free time to go out or rest up and prepare ourselves for the Gala Dinner that Evening.

At the Gala Dinner, initially all the Presidents stood together to make their announcements and Ron Barnett was our President then. They were given wines which looked nice. The Gala Dinner was a super evening with more announcements being made and all the Rotarians were all given Rotary aprons (as seen in the above picture). In fact, it was David and Ann's Wedding Anniversary which the French Rotarians kindly announced.

The Contact weekend then ends after breakfast on the Sunday morning when a lot come and say Au Revoir.

It was lovely end to the week-end as Martin/Annie and John/Shirley kindly invited Joe and Helen to join them to stop over for an evening at a Chateau on our way home, which was super.

So, there are two choices on how to be able to get to Villefranche next year - drive via Dover or fly to Lyon.

The Rotary Club of Villefranche en Beaujolais is of course in the famous Beaujolais wine region. Some of those travelling have already expressed an interest in driving there no doubt leaving some boot space for local wines.

Helen fully recommends going on these Contact Trips.

Martin Phillips, Phil Cavill, Helen Morris

Around the Committees

Matters Arising from the Council Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Our golfers were congratulated on their success in winning the Keith Bigwood Trophy and coming 4th in the Rotary National Finals with individual prizes for Malcolm and Bernard.

It was agreed that new members be invited to attend each of the four major committees for successive 3 month periods before deciding which one to join on a longer term basis.

Feedback from the District Council meeting - Gillian Pearce had been elected DG for 2018/19. Abingdon Vespers and Reading Matins won the Foundation Awards for best and most improved donors. A presentation on Sand Dams raised interesting possibilities for an International project.

Matters Arising from other Committee Meeting Minutes

C&V Committee confirmed that the visit to Style Acre is scheduled for 11.15 on Friday 30th October, a food collection will take place at Sainsburys on Friday 4th December for our later Food Parcel distribution, and the Street Organ collections at Tesco's will be on 21st and 23rd December. It was

agreed that the TV stand used at the Snookathon be purchased for £60.

If any member knows of a flat screen TV available free this could be obtained for future displays. Two International supper/film evenings confirmed for 14th November and 16th January.

Hon Secretary

RI Certificate celebrating our 80th Anniversary has been received for presentation at the Dinner on 24th October.

Form received inviting nominations for District Officers.

A suggestion that the Club initiate a YouTube channel was considered but decisions deferred until a more thorough review of our communications strategy could take place later.

Hon Treasurer

Trust Accounts - Free Funds are currently £2,861.77 with £5,000 in Reserve.

The Trustee's Report will be submitted to Council for review before sending to the Charity Commissioners as possibilities exist for using it to publicise our good works.

Set up costs and other funding requests

Interest earned last year, traditionally available for the President to nominate for his chosen charity had been made up to £200 and Phil nominated the Beacon Centre as his charity.

Council decided that the £250 received from Banbury Cherwell Rotary Club for our bar running efforts should go to the Banbury Cooking Skills Project which is part of the Brighter Futures in Banbury Regeneration Programme operating out of Cropredy Surgery.

Expenditure up to £200 for Practice Interviews was approved.

The expenditure from Club Funds of £60 for the TV Stand was agreed.

Set up costs of up to £4,000 for Young Musician, expenditure of £750 for RYLA Calvert Trust in Exmoor, and £650 for RYLA at Lake Bala were all supported and will be put to Club for approval.

Set up costs of £3,000 for Children Singing for Children have already been approved but approval will be sort from Club for distribution of the surplus as follows: 45% Frank Wise School, 22.5% Alan's Sierra Leone Project and 22.5% Hope and Homes for

Children, the remaining 10% to our Trust Fund for other children's benefit.

Club Representations

President had represented Club at: the District Council meeting (with Ron); Rotaract's 40s Dance (with other members); the Battle of Britain Parade in Banbury; a Banbury Cherwell Club's meeting (with John Smith and Simon Porter), involving discussions on attracting young professional members; hosted briefly then driven our Rotary Scholar Zali to a weekend Scholars Conference in Warwick; then joined the DG and other Presidents in Windsor for afternoon tea and a tour of the Savill Gardens.

Alan Wolstencroft and John Webb had attended a District Awareness meeting.

80th Anniversary 24th October - Banbury Town Hall

Over 110 had applied for tickets so far with more known to be coming. 24th September was the cut-off date for booking.

Editor's note - All tickets are now sold.

Brodey Bursary

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Canal Day

All in hand with sufficient volunteers organised by John Webb.

Website Updates

Peter Williams has volunteered to update the International Committee section on the website and other committees are encouraged to nominate someone to do it.

Laptop Training, Custodian

After discussion the President (as the most likely regular attendee at lunchtime meetings) agreed to be custodian of the new laptop and Ron agreed to

train those who help set it up with the projector and update software when appropriate.

Sierra Leone - toilet refurbishment update

Alan described progress to date - tanks emptied and new top, roof, doors and dividers installed.

And now for something different

The George and Dragon

A vagabond travelling a country road in England, tired and hungry, came across an inn called "George and Dragon".

He knocked. The innkeeper's wife stuck her head out of a window.

"Could you spare me some food?" he asked.

The woman glanced at his shabby clothes "No!" she snapped.

"Could I have a pint of ale?"

"No!" she snapped again.

"Could I at least sleep in your stable?"

"No!" she shouted.

The vagabond tried again "Can I please have a word with George?"

Biscuit Wars

There's been a fight in the biscuit tin, a lad called Rocky hit a Penguin over the head with a Club, tied him to a Wagon Wheel with a Blue Ribbon and made his Breakaway in a Taxi.

Police say Rocky was last seen just After Eight in a Maryland with a Ginger Nut known to the police as Rich T.

They didn't leave a crumb of evidence so the Jammie Dodger got away with it!!!!

The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for October

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
02-Oct	A. Bedding J. Hansford T. Iles S. Kershaw O. Kyffin K. Manning	N. Halfpenny G. Jeremy	B. Croft	S. Maxwell
09-Oct	A. McHugh J. Meredith H. Morris R. Nurden M. Phillips G. Pollard	H. Matthews M. Nutt	J. Phillips	P. Shea
16-Oct	M. Recchia P. Richardson F. Riches I. Rodrick J. Smith P. Thomas	N. Randall S. Porter	T. Taylor	S. Crump
23-Oct	R. Thompson A. Warren E. Watson J. Webb P. Wilkins A. Wolstencroft	P. Williams E. Woodruff	D. Blakey	A. Wiltshire
30-Oct	Peggy Williams N. Yeadon G. Anker I. Anthistle J. Bennett S. Bion	R. Worrall R. Barnett	J. Cooke	M. Humphris

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

Speaker Programme for October and November

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
02 Oct	Liz Atkins	Plodding On	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
06 Nov	Rtn Peter Richardson	My Life/My Talk	Rupert Kipping
13 Nov		Special General Meeting	
20 Nov	Bronwen Thompson	Navigating the NHS	Rupert Kipping
27 Nov		Fellowship Meeting	