

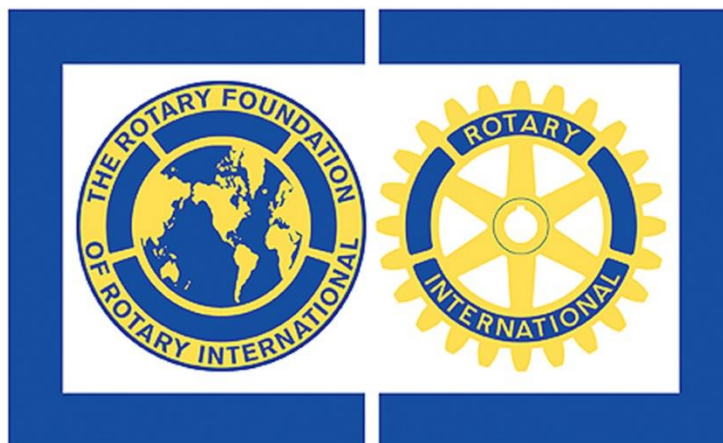


## *The March Diary*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hook Norton Brewery Visit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Classification & Membership Committee Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Young Musician District Finals
- 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation Committee Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> District Conference
- 16<sup>th</sup> Youth Service Committee Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> International Committee Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> President Elects' Training
- 19<sup>th</sup> Meal and Film Night
- 21<sup>st</sup> Club AGM
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – No Meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup> District Council

*For the full year's diary visit  
[www.banburyrotaryclub.org.uk](http://www.banburyrotaryclub.org.uk)*

## *Foundation Grants at Home and Abroad*



On February 19<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Frugal Lunch to commemorate the birth of our founder Paul Harris, and to mark this occasion we had an enthralling talk on the excellent work being done in Sierra Leona schools with the support of Foundation Grants.

Many may think that Foundation Grants are only available for projects abroad but the following is an example of how Global Grants can support projects in the UK.

Building on the success of several literacy projects with three local primary schools, the Rotary Club of Paignton, working with its long term partner club in the Netherlands, the Rotary Club of Dokkum, joined with Torbay School (a four center community special school) in a unique literacy project at secondary level - the HERO project.

Help Everyone Read OK (HERO) sets out to support those in our local community with the most pressing literacy needs by using specialized training, a comprehensive one-to-one teaching strategy and the most innovative software available.

Following an approach from Rotarian Stephen Kings of the Paignton Club, the project was conceived by the school under the leadership of Executive Headteacher, James Evans. The Hero Project has been written by Lead Teacher of English, Hannah Gadd.

The project formed the basis of a bid for a Rotary Global Grant and, with the help of the District Foundation team, in March 2015 became the first UK education based project to receive this prestigious grant support.

What does the strategy look like? Dedicated 1:1 literacy rooms have been created and the work carried out here as part of the special provision for the students is already surprising the most dedicated professionals in this field.

The completely individualized learning that is possible using the techniques that are core to the project is key to the ongoing success of the HERO concept.

The club and the school are developing links with Exeter Chiefs rugby club to really strengthen the sporting Hero's theme of the project.

The hope is that this sort of powerful experience with such a successful club in the local area will act as a really strong example and incentive for the young people involved.

Parents of pupils involved are being offered a home visit so that they can fully appreciate the benefits of the scheme on their own terms. Parents and carers have been very positive about the scheme and what it offers specifically to their children.

One of the most significant steps forward has been the use of specialized literacy software that is capable of diagnosing very specific gaps in student knowledge and then putting together a learning package designed to plug these gaps. Not only does the package provide targeted work both on-screen and off but it also records data at a level which enables teachers to state with absolute confidence what progress has been made over time.

We have appointed a research associate from Exeter University to provide an independent evaluation of the project. Her first interim report was extremely encouraging and it will be followed by another in early 2015.

A summative evaluation report will be available to all Rotary clubs in in September 2016.

Stephen Kings (Rotary Club of Paignton)

## *Club Darts Night*



The 1<sup>st</sup> February saw a group of skilled (unfortunately not at darts!), club members compete in the Club Darts Match.

Our Welsh Wizard Williams Won the Club Darts competition again! Another fun evening.

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## *International Scholars Evening*



We enjoyed our evening with Rotary International Scholars on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Following our wine and cheese supper, Zali Fung from Queensland Australia, Valerie King from Nashville, and Andrew Berkley from Phoenix, USA described their family and educational backgrounds, their present studies at Oxford University and their plans for the future.

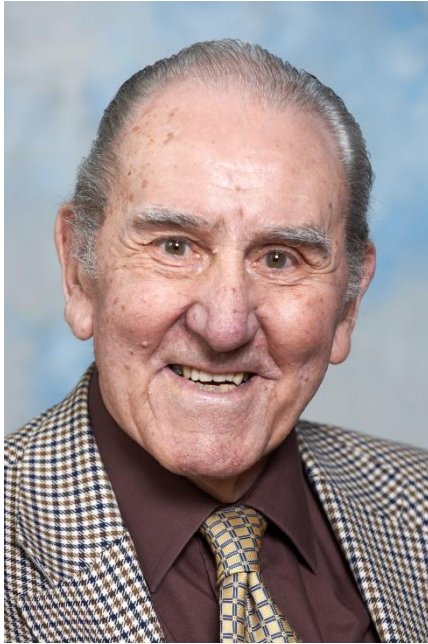
Zali is studying Water Science, Policy and Management, Valerie Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Andrew Social Science of the Internet.

Their presentations were most interesting and provoked many questions from the 40+ attendees.

The Scholars are being hosted respectively by our Club, and the Rotary Clubs of Oxford and Bicester. While staying in England they will be called upon to make a number of similar presentations around our Rotary District 1090 as they continue with their studies.

Ian Calderbank

## *Charles Swain*



It is with much sadness we report the death of Charles Swain on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Charles was born on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1923, joined this Club in 1969 and was President in the year 1981/82.

He was proud of his wartime service and involvement with 617 Squadron - the Dambusters. He was ground crew at the time of the famous raids on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1943 but later became a flight engineer and flew on 32 missions.

Unsurprisingly he was a keen supporter of the ATC in Banbury and was Chairman of the Adderbury Branch of the British Legion for over 50 years.

He was also proud of his business achievements with his electrical companies C. J. Swain Ltd., Menvier-Swain PLC, and Westminster Security Systems.

He was a member of the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers and made a Freeman of both the City of London and the City of Lincoln, and played a leading role in both Regional and National Committees of the Electrical Contractors Association.

Charles was a loyal member of this Club, filled a number of roles, and in his younger days was once described as a tower of strength.

Ian Calderbank

## *David Barlow*



With equal sadness we report the death of David Barlow on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

David was born in 1932, joined this Club in 1969 and was one of the few people to join Rotary while he was still a member of Banbury Round Table.

President of this Club in the year 1980/81, he took a leading part in many of our activities, particularly the Club Outings, both before and after that year.

He organised the original sponsored walks for the Scouts and was instrumental in setting up the Abbeyfield Banbury Society homes for the elderly at Abbeyfield House in The Hawthorns where he was Company Director for that organisation from 1991 to 2005.

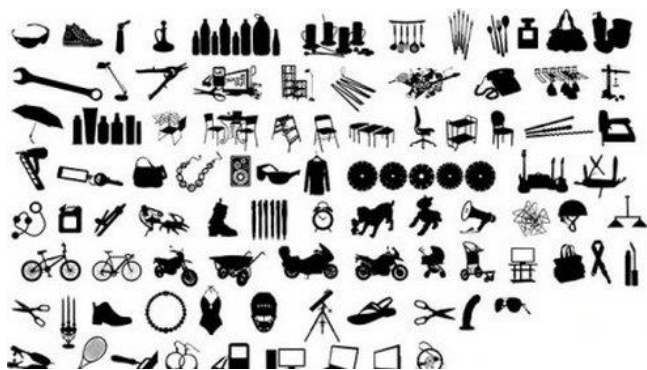
He was known as the gentle dentist, took on many roles for the local British Dental Association, and most of his patients became friends.

He served this Club well and we remember him fondly.

Ian Calderbank



## *Ian's Items*



**1 February**

Our Welsh Wizard Williams Wins the Club Darts competition again!

**3 February**

Attended the Inner Wheel Indian Supper which raised £360 for their International charities.

**4 February**

It was pleasing to see a good number of our members at Tom Taylor's Thanksgiving Service, supporting Emma and her family and giving due respect to Tom's life and his loyalty to our club.

In the evening I attended a meeting of the District White Zone Presidents where we shared experiences and discussed various issues affecting clubs in our zone.

**5 February**

Our Club lunch meeting today saw the presentation of awards to the winners of our Darts Competition and this was followed by an interesting and amusing talk by Brigadier Ian Inshaw, DL about the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock and some of the local family histories involved in the two "World Wars".

**10 February**

We enjoyed our evening with Rotary International Scholars.

**12 February**

We heard how the charity DEBRA helps families with members suffering from EB (Epidermolysis Bullosa) both practically and financially.

**19 February**

Our Frugal Lunch raising funds for our own Foundation charity a few days before the birthday of our founder Paul Harris. Alan described how Global Grants can work in the context of projects such as those we are involved with in Sierra Leone.

**20 February**

A few of us attended the Mayor's Charity Civic Supper in the Town Hall. We were entertained musically by a Michael Bublé tribute act, and some of us managed to fit in a bit of dancing. Funds raised will go to support BYHP.

**22 & 25 February** - There was good support from outside the Club as well as from within providing interviewers to give the participating Year 10 pupils at the BGN School a good experience in job application and interviewing.

**22 February**

I attended the Cherwell Club's Business meeting, where in addition to the usual Committee discussions, plans were put forward for their Cycling Sportive on 10 July. Last year we ran the Drinks Marquee for them and we shall be asked if we can help again this year.

**24 February**

Our Club Council Meeting took place and notes from this are elsewhere in this Bulletin.

**26 February**

Our speaker was Hayley Flood from the Banbury Space Studio, who gave a most interesting talk about the achievements of the Space Hubble telescope over the past 25 years and the problems which had to be overcome.

**27 February**

Another impressive Young Musician Finals day at Sibford School in which our local talented performers excelled themselves once again. Many congratulations to Venetia Moir, Banbury Young Musician of the Year 2016.

The District Young Chef finals also took place on this day and our entrant Katelyn Robbins, 11-year-old winner of the Banbury competition, took part.

Ian Calderbank

## Speaker Reports

### *Vic Ince – Upton House*



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January we had the pleasure of Vic Ince telling us about Upton House.

Upton House was acquired by 2nd Viscount Bearsted (Walter Samuel) in 1927 as a weekend retreat. After a lot of renovation to the House and Gardens between 1927 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1939 almost every weekend was like a millionaire's house party. It was bought for two key reasons. Firstly, it had about 3,000 acres of grounds, ideal for fox hunting, and secondly it was a place where he could display his famous art collection.

At the outbreak of WW2, as a director of the family bank M. Samuel & Co, he ordered that it's HQ would move from London to Upton immediately. So 22 bank staff moved in for the duration of the War.

By 1940 airfields were being built nearby e.g. RAF Edge Hill at Shennington, and enemy bombers flew overhead on their way to Birmingham and Coventry. So he used his influence in the art world to have some of his art collection moved to the slate mines in Snowdonia along with those of the National Gallery.

The Bearsteds themselves were very active during the War. Viscount Bearsted became an acting colonel in the Secret Service. His sons, Richard and Peter, joined the Warwickshire Yeomanry and served in the Middle East and Italian campaigns. The youngest son, Anthony, served in the SOE. Lord Bearsted's wife also participated joining the Red Cross, WVS and YMCA as well as fund raising for the Kindertransport scheme.

In 1948, Bearsted and his wife decided to give the House, Gardens and the Art Collection to the National Trust along with 1/2 million shares in Samuels Bank.

Lord Bearsted died in November 1948.

All of these themes can be seen in more detail during the 2016 season starting on 13<sup>th</sup> February. During this year there will be a number of major events celebrating various occasions e.g. VE Day; Easter; Valentines; Christmas.

For more information on these and volunteering opportunities, go to:  
[www.Nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house](http://www.Nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house).

Helen Morris

### *Brigadier Ian Inshaw DL - Conflict and County*



On February 5<sup>th</sup> I was delighted to host Brigadier Ian Inshaw at our Friday lunchtime meeting. Ian is a former Army Officer who served his last five years of service as the Garrison Commander of Bicester Garrison. He then became the Chairman of the Oxfordshire Ambulance Trust and the North East Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust as well as Chairman of the NSPCC Full Stop Appeal for Oxfordshire.

Since his semi-retirement he has become the Chairman of P3ECO (Bicester) a company designed to facilitate the ECO Development in NE Bicester and is the Chairman of Soldiers of Oxfordshire. He is a founding member of the Responsible Oxfordshire Business Involvement Network (ROBIN) which links charities with businesses on a skills exchange basis for mutual benefit. He was the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire 2008.

Ian gave a very interesting talk as Chairman of Soldiers of Oxfordshire. Located in Park Street, in the centre of Woodstock, is the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFOM), a purpose built museum opened by HRH The Princess Royal in September 2014. Access to the premises is gained through the Oxfordshire Museum as the new building was constructed to the rear of the existing buildings fronting Park Street. This has presented a challenge as the SOFOM is not visible from the street and numerous signs have had to be erected directing visitors to the centre.

Until now, Oxfordshire, unlike most counties, had not had a military museum easily accessible to the public. For about 70 years the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry museum was located in Cowley barracks in Oxford, but access was very difficult.

It was also becoming increasingly difficult to care for the collections, so in 2000 the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust was established to find a permanent home for the archives and collections. The main core is the collections, both objects and archives, of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars.

It became apparent that there is much more to the history of Oxfordshire's people and their part in the nation's conflicts at home and overseas. The Trust set about creating the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. After many years of fundraising and securing the lease of the land behind The Oxfordshire Museum building work began in August 2013. Overall the project has cost approximately £3.2 million. The Trust is self-funded and relies solely on grants and donations in order to run.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire is a charity dedicated to promoting innovative, dynamic and informed understanding of conflict. It aims to preserve for future generations the history of Oxfordshire's people and their part in the nation's conflicts both at home and overseas. This can be clearly seen through engaging and important educational and community projects through to conserving collections of artefacts and collections.

The museum offers adults a variety of lecture programmes and events on a monthly basis aimed at stimulating interest in military matters. There is a regularly changing exhibition programme as well as social events such as Knit and Natter, a group that gets together once a week.

For children a child friendly environment is provided promoting learning through dressing up, trails and interactive events. A very popular Kids Club is held on a monthly basis and special workshops are held during school holidays.

Local history groups, University of the Third Age and school trips are catered for on a regular basis. Visitors who have had serving soldiers in their family, particularly those interested in genealogy with family members involved in the two World Wars, will find a trip to the museum very rewarding.

The museum has a shop offering a wide range of products from jewellery to books and children's

toys. Rooms are also available to hire for various individuals and groups, one recent event being the book launch of "The Lone Soldier."

Ian finished his talk with four short stories involving real people, all soldiers, that showed the frustration, pain, anxiety and also reward of serving in the military.

SOFOM is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from 2pm to 5pm. It is well worth a visit. And for those that might want to get involved themselves there are opportunities to join a Friends Scheme, become a volunteer, book a guided tour and talk and hire meetings rooms and corporate support and sponsorship is welcomed. Visit [www.sofo.org.uk](http://www.sofo.org.uk)

Colin Clarke

### *Andrea Newman – "DEBRA"*



The speaker for the 12<sup>th</sup> February was Andrea Newman from a charity that supports sufferers of Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). This is a most painful skin condition that results in many life changing problems in addition to the original diagnosis.

Andrea illustrated her talk with a short film from a child sufferer and then a slide presentation.

The condition is caused by a faulty gene from each parent coming together in the offspring. Any person can carry the faulty gene for many generations down through the family line, but it is only when two people with the faulty gene come together and breed that the problem occurs.

The faulty gene does not allow the layers of skin to adhere together, so each layer is very thin and vulnerable. There are around 500 cases recorded at any time in the world and research is ongoing to find a cure. On the outside of the body the areas affected can be small or a whole body condition.

A sufferer will not be able to be touched on the affected areas as the abrasive action of this will

make the upper layer of skin peel away. Any affected areas cannot be left unprotected, as exposure to any surface, such as a sheet or clothing will have an abrasive effect, so each part of the body that has this condition must be wrapped in bandages to minimise the abrasive effects of touching that occur in everyday life.

After a night of intermittent sleep caused by the pain of peeling skin the patient must be unbandaged and all the peeling skin taken off so that the dead skin does not cause further contamination. Some of the skin will come off with the bandages, but some has to be peeled off by hand and the areas then rebandaged before the day can begin. This can, in some cases, take two or three hours. Unfortunately, constant removal of skin from hands and feet make the joints close up as the skin tries to heal and eventually the fingers dig into the hand and have to be amputated to stop the constant rubbing away of skin. Similarly, the feet suffer, and this results in toes being amputated to enable the sufferer to still be able to walk.

Milder cases can have the affected areas bandaged and go about a fairly “normal” daily life, but more major sufferers have to adjust their lives to the severity of their condition. The condition is, at present, incurable, and sufferers will not live very long, the average age before death being thirty years although many die earlier from skin cancer.

The condition can also occur inside the body, and if this is in the mouth or oesophagus the patient will never eat normally but will receive their nutrition through a stomach tube. Likewise, if getting rid of body waste is affected the patient will have artificial means to rectify this problem. As was illustrated, any problem inside the body, although not on “public display” can be as bad, or worse, for the sufferer than the condition exposed to the world.

Children cannot play for fear of accidents, and normal contact with other children has to be scrupulously observed. The child learns to manage the pain of the daily routine of skin removal, but the treatment can be harrowing to the parent who carries it out and makes their child suffer as a result.

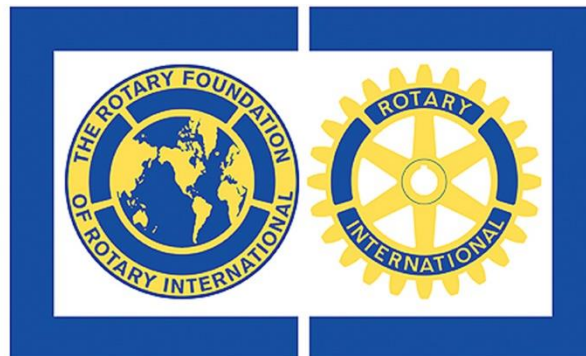
Research is ongoing, but so far the painful process of skin removal is the only way that the condition can be managed. Painkillers being the only method of pain management if this is permitted.

Andrea gave us a well thought out presentation, eloquently delivered on this harrowing subject

which many members found quite distressing. She answered many questions in a manner which demonstrated her knowledge and command of the subject matter for which she was thanked by the attending Rotarians.

J. Webb.

### *Alan Wolstencroft – Foundation Grants*



Alan Wolstencroft was our speaker on 19<sup>th</sup> February and as the meeting was celebrating Paul Harris's birthday the theme was Rotary Foundation Grants linked to the Clubs' Sierra Leone Schools projects.

Alan began by explaining the 2 different type of grants:

District 1090 Grants - these are available for local, national and international projects and District will match the Club funding, currently up to £1,500 per Club, per year.

Global Grants - The minimum Club contribution is \$10,000. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) will donate \$5,000, District will give \$10,000 from the District Designated Fund (DDF) and TRF will match with \$10,000. This means that the Clubs \$10,000 becomes \$35,000.

Alan went on to explain that Rotary will give grants for refurbishment of buildings or for equipment but will not give grants for “building” projects. Grants are awarded for requests that fall within Rotary key focus areas such as education and water and sanitation.

Over the past 8 years we have received grants for equipping 16 classrooms with furniture (desks, benches and blackboards) and for the refurbishment of a toilet block at Christian Hope School and for equipment for 2 new toilet blocks at Liverpool Community School.

Last year with support from Reading Matins Rotary Club (which included a District Grant) they installed rainwater harvesting at the Liverpool Community



School and also with support from High Wycombe Rotary Club they installed a hand pump and made improvements to the water well at the school.

Alan has now established a link with Freetown Rotary Club and is currently investigating the possibility of applying for a Global Grant to re-construct/refurbish the Mabureh Community School in Waterloo.

This Rotary year Alan has raised £18,665 and sent £19,390 to projects in Sierra Leone and there is £4,000 available funds for the projects. Alan thanked the Club and Club members for their ongoing support which has enabled him to “make a real difference” in Sierra Leone.

This was Alan’s 309<sup>th</sup> talk regarding his work in Sierra Leone and these have generated £67,300 of the £149,175 for Sierra Leone projects since his first involvement in 2005.

John Bennett

## *Around the Committees*

### *Matters Arising from other Committee Meeting Minutes*

Cheque for £5,250 sent to District to cover our \$100 per member donation to Foundation for 75 members.

Sanctuary Housing consider the Crocus project is now completed having received our report. Their sponsorship will go to the End Polio Now Campaign as agreed earlier.

Dates are being sought from Sainsburys for collections there.

### *Hon Secretary*

Council noted with regret the passing of Rtn. Charles Swain on 17<sup>th</sup> February and David Barlow on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

An Assistant Treasurer is still required for next year.

The Banbury 41 Club has now closed down.

New member recruitment to be encouraged again.

The results of the RIBI elections announced, including Niall Blair from the Marlow Club as Treasurer.

Agenda for AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> March drawn up.

### *Hon Treasurer*

Trust Accounts - Free Funds £3,354 at 31<sup>st</sup> January with £5,000 in Reserve.

ACEP account to be renamed SLEP account.

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

The following requests were agreed:

£400 to cover costs of Party for the Blind.

£750 set up costs for Oxford Male Voice Choir Concert.

£150, additional to original Club Budget, for entertainment at 5<sup>th</sup> Friday meeting in April.

Cost of £4.50 pp from Club Funds for providing food at the AGM.

### *Club Representations*

President had represented Club at District White Zone meeting, Mayor’s Charity Civic Supper, and attended Banbury Cherwell Club’s business meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President had represented the Club at the Katharine House Hospice “25 Year” celebrations.

### *Young Musician Competition*

Banbury Finals at Sibford School 27<sup>th</sup> February - all in hand under Gareth’s direction.

District Finals on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### *Young Chef Competition*

Our 11-year-old Banbury winner goes on to the District Finals on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### *District Conference 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March*

To date 13 have registered for the whole weekend and one for just Saturday only.

### *AGM 21<sup>st</sup> March*

It was agreed that food (Ploughman’s style) should be provided.

Board to be circulated for booking in (as per a fifth Friday) indicating attendees and who will or will not require food.

### *Contact Club - France, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016*

Some have already booked flights and others are planning to drive there.

Registration required by 12<sup>th</sup> March.

However, we do not yet have local cost details from the Rotary Club of Villefranche en Beaujolais.



## Club Draw

Proceeds from last year of £495 and this year to be added to Contact Club Reserve as in the past. Financial risk assessment to be carried out to decide whether or not the present Reserve is sufficient and a decision taken before October regarding whether the Draw is continued and, if so, for what purpose.

## Young Musician of the Year 2016



Congratulations to Venetia Moir, who overcame some very strong competition to become Banbury Young Musician of the Year 2016, and also to all the winners of the many sections in the competition.



## The Month in Pictures



What a lot of balls!

## *Weekly Meeting Duties for March 2016*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&amp;H in charge</u>
04 Mar	S. Dhesi B. Doe J. Donaldson M. Douglas A. Fairbairn B. Goodchild	N. Deakin B. Gardner	D. Blakey	D. Sullivan
11 Mar	J. Hansford G. Jeremy S. Kershaw O. Kyffin K. Manning H. Matthews	N. Halfpenny T. Iles	G. Pollard	S. Maxwell
18 Mar	J. Meredith S. Porter R. Nurden M. Nutt M. Phillips N. Randall	A. McHugh R. McLean	H. Morris	P. Shea
25 Mar	M. Recchia P. Richardson F. Riches I. Rodrick J. Smith P. Thomas	R. Thompson Peggy Williams	A. Warren	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 March & April*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
4 Mar	Tim Pilkington	World Vision's work with Refugees	Rupert Kipping
11 Mar	Pearl Watts	Dogs for Good	Harry Matthews
18 Mar		Fellowship Meeting	
25 Mar		GOOD FRIDAY	
1 April	Andrew Harter	Update on Teaching the Unteachable	Rupert Kipping
8 April	Julie Wood	Trophies for D of E Teams	Andrew Fairbairn
15 April	Rtn Nigel Deakin	My Life/My Talk	Fred Riches
22 April	Rosy Burke	The Fine Lady	Pat Thomas
29 April	Fifth Friday Evening Wroxton House Hotel	Light, Humorous Musical Entertainment	TBA