



The May Diary

- 4th Inner Wheel Fashion Show
- 4th Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
- 4th Classification & Membership Committee Meeting
- 4th Sports & Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 6th Rotary Meeting
- 11th Foundation Committee Meeting
- 13th Rotary Meeting
- 18th Youth Service Committee Meeting
- 18th International Committee Meeting
- 20th Rotary Meeting
- 25th Council Meeting
- 27th Rotary Meeting
- 31st Party for Blind

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Polio has existed for thousands of years and at least since the time of the ancient Egyptians. It can be prevented by immunization. All it takes is 2 drops of medicine to immunize a child. If enough people in a community are immunized the Polio virus will not have anyone to infect and will die out. Just over 60 years ago the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. Then Rotary, followed by the World Health Organization and some other organizations decided to try and remove Polio from the world. Since that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just two countries now remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us to reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957, two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine, cases had fallen in the USA by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there. Elsewhere it was still rampant even in 1988.



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

Eradicating Polio is the hardest medical challenge the world has faced. Salk's vaccine still plays an important role in the end-game strategy against polio and 120 countries have now introduced IPV into their routine polio immunization systems. Over 2.5 billion children have been given the Polio drops in more than 200 countries by some 20 million volunteers. Children all over the world. Children in cities and the countryside.

Sometimes as refugees flee danger they carry the disease to other areas which are Polio free. This is no problem if all children in the places the refugees go to have had their Polio drops. But if some have not then the disease can spread again. In Syria, the terrible civil war there meant that less children are being immunized against Polio and there has been a short outbreak there.

To stop this happening again we have to make sure that almost every child in the world has their Polio drops, even in countries where there has not been Polio for many years. That is why every child in the UK is protected against Polio.

The good news is that last year only 74 cases were reported worldwide, and those in Pakistan and Afghanistan only. This year as yet only 5 cases have been reported and in Pakistan only. So, we are winning !



Rotary Young Citizens Awards



This year's Rotary Young Citizen Awards were once again a huge success and celebrated another group of inspirational young people. In addition to the local and regional media coverage clubs have achieved after nominating individuals for recognition, a 15 minute report of the ceremony was broadcast on two separate occasions on the BBC News channel on Sunday 3rd April.

Fortunately, the report is available to [enjoy on the BBC iPlayer](#) until 3rd May. It is hoped that the BBC will also post the video in a news article, so it will be available to view even after it has expired on BBC iPlayer.

Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) celebrates the achievements of young people with these annual RIBI Young Citizen Awards. Launched in 2007 in association with the BBC News Channel, the awards recognise young people under the age of 25, who have demonstrated their commitment to citizenship through various activities. The awards can be for individuals or groups, for projects that showcase and celebrate the positive citizenship and important responsibilities assumed by many young people in Great Britain and Ireland.

RIBI Young Citizen winners receive trophies and a prize of £500 at the RIBI Annual Conference, where the awards are presented live on the BBC News Channel. Later in the year, the winners visit the BBC News TV studios in London and the Houses of Parliament.

Those nominated do not necessarily have to be working on a Rotary project to be eligible for an award. What matters is that they, individually or as part of a group, have made a positive difference which has been recognised by a local Rotary club as worthy of a nomination. Every nomination receives a personalised certificate from RIBI via their local Rotary club recognising the achievement.

Last Night of the Rotary Proms



Rotarians are such a staid boring lot of people. That is, until they get into a concert hall with 2000 other likeminded individuals all waving union jacks and standing to sing at the top of their voices Land of Hope and Glory and demanding an encore from one of the world's top orchestras.

Saturday 9th April saw 34 of us leaving the Whately Hall by coach for a musical extravaganza of superb music, superb singing, and sentimentality all rolled in to one hugely enjoyable evening. The superb music came from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra who truly are one of the world's best and we are lucky to have them so close to us. Their conductor is Anthony Inglis and he has the knack of making every member of the audience feel like a friend. His humour, knowledge and enthusiasm were infectious and his introductions contributed in no small way to our enjoyment. We not only knew what we were about to listen to but also a bit of interesting background. His highlight (and therefore ours as well) was to remind us who won the Grand Slam this year, and then to conduct the Welsh Male Voice Choir in singing Jerusalem!

The superb singing came from the Morriston Orpheus Male Choir who demonstrated the power of singing not just through raw volume but also their control and feeling. The only slight niggle of the evening was that, by contrast with Anthony Inglis, we could not make out what the Choir's conductor was saying in her introductions, but she more than made up for it with the intense physicality of her conducting of the 60 strong Choir. They showed their versatility in their first two numbers with the power of Men of Harlech followed immediately by the gentle and beautiful Myfanwy

The sentimentality of the evening came with a performance of Walton's "Spitfire Prelude" in the presence in the audience of one of the few remaining members of "The Few". Quite emotional.

The concert went into full speed from the off with Verdi's Force of Destiny Overture, followed by lots

of crowd pleasers including Tannhauser from the Orchestra and World in Union from the Choir.

I expected the concert to finish with the traditional songs, Land of Hope etc, but we soon saw why not, when they were followed by the 1812 Overture completing the evening with cannon shots from the heights and fireworks from the ceiling. What a way to finish!

Nigel Yeadon

Ian's Items



1 April - It was a pleasure to welcome back Andrew Harter who in August 2012 had spoken to us about educating young people who have difficulties within the conventional school system. He described progress at Norton College in Worcester a relatively new school specialising in such education. Refurbished office and factory space has been converted into a bespoke learning environment to provide learning packages personalised to meet each student's needs. Vocational training is also provided to give students purposeful skills for the future.

8 April - Julie Wood from the Warriner School at Brixham talked about the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme there and the benefits gained by some students who took part in the Tour de Trigs. She expressed appreciation to members of our Club who had donated trophies to be awarded to D of E participants in the Tour. Julie described how 228 students enrolled for either the Bronze award (aged 14+), Silver (15+) or Gold (16+). They complete a programme in four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and an Expedition and are supported by 25 active staff members. It is encouraging to see our young people so well engaged in such activities.

9 April - 34 of us enjoyed a splendid evening at the Birmingham Symphony Hall with their resident Symphony Orchestra, the CBSO, and the Morriston Orpheus Male Voice choir for the “Last Night of the Rotary Proms”. We were delivered yards from

the Hall door by our coach with time for a quick bite before the concert. A varied programme concluded with everyone on their feet singing and many waving their Union Flags. The Finale, Tchaikovsky's 1812, was spectacular with cannons shots from the balconies, and fireworks.

15 April - Our own Nigel Deakin described how his life developed from a career in computer software and TV design to experience with a charity in India then at a halfway house for ex prisoners in Haifa before returning to the UK and Banbury where he "answered the call" to coordinate the running of the Beacon Centre here. It is always interesting to hear what our members have been up to in their past life.

21 April - It was a privilege to take part in the Interact Club meeting at BGN and present their new President, Angelo Talay, with his chain of office. It was also good to hear the members planning future activities to raise funds and help the community.

22 April - Rosy Burke gave us a most fascinating talk and slide show on the background and efforts made to bring to Banbury the "Fine Lady on a White Horse" statue. Rosy has enjoyed being involved in design and photography over many years, has won a number of prizes herself and helped to judge the BBC Countryfile Photo Competitions. She has had a long term involvement with The Fine Lady upon a White Horse Appeal. It was good to see how many of our members had also been involved and, for some the slide show was a happy trip down memory lane.

23 April - Some of us joined up with members of our daughter Cherwell Club to tour Upton House, guided expertly by Vic Ince from the Lions Club who had previously given us a talk about the property's history and ownership at our fifth Friday evening meeting in January.

27 April - Our monthly Club Council Meeting took place and summary notes can be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

28 April - Presidents of Clubs in our District White Zone came together for a chat about various aspects and issues affecting our activities.

29 April - Our final fifth Friday evening meeting of this Rotary year was once again well attended and saw us enjoy excellent food and service at the Wroxton House Hotel before being entertained musically and humorously by The Kevins.

Speaker Reports

Andrew Harter – Teaching the Unteachable



On Friday 1 April Andrew gave us an update on Teaching the Unteachable. Four years ago Andrew spoke to us about the first year of Norton College run by Crucible Education. He had been involved with setting up the finance when the college was established for children who have difficulties in the normal educational system having been excluded from all previous schools for aggressive behaviour, fighting, obstructing authority, stealing, and using drugs. 45% of their children are "in care" and although now coeducational 80 to 90% are men, usually in their teens.

All their lives they have been told they are no good and have always been shouted at. The approach of the school is not "telling them what to do" but "showing them what to do" and demonstrating love. Without this school, at best they would end up in prison and at worst they would be dead having used drugs. Good behaviour is rewarded and cash is given for good behaviour forming a pattern for further life. Their social skills are boosted using example, encouragement, drama and physical exercise. Some do exceptionally well with one current pupil taking A-level maths and another studying Japanese. Catering has become a popular subject with 15 applying in the first year; there were misgivings about giving violent men knives but this proved to be unfounded.



Initial problems with getting them to school using taxis proved unreliable and cost as much as the education. Now the school owns eight cars and the staff themselves collect them so that attendance rates are now 95% having previously been the between 25 and 50%; one very positive advantage of this system is that it gives staff an understanding of the home environment. Staffing levels remain extremely high with approximately 2 staff per-pupil.

Initially, the school was financially stressed but now it has a good reputation and councils are finding that although it is expensive it is cheaper than the alternative options such as drug rehabilitation and prison. Currently the main courses are Arts, Catering and Music together with Reading as most of them are illiterate in their teens.



Rupert Kipping

Julie Wood – What is the D of E ?



Julie Wood from the Warriner School at Bloxham visited us on Friday 8 April to talk about the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme there and also the benefits gained by some of the students who took part in the Tour de Trigs.

School education should not be restricted to academic study. Equally important is the time spent by, and opportunities available to, students

in developing life skills and a community conscience. This was the message conveyed by Julie to Club members and she cited the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme as an important example of this as an element of the non-academic educational menu currently available at Warriner School. Whilst involvement by students in the Scheme is not obligatory, there are 228 involved this year, a testament to the enthusiasm of Julie and her team (comprising 25 active staff) all of whom give their time freely. The Scheme is available for children and young adults between the ages of 14 and 24 but at Warriner the expectation is that 100% of the students achieve the Gold Award standard by the end of year 10. Not surprisingly given the target, the high success rate (in excess of 96% at the Bronze Stage this year) and the numbers involved, Warriner has been designated as a Scheme Centre of Excellence.

There are four sections to the Award and three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

Volunteering (to help individuals or the community) - this may, amongst other options, be working in charity shops, sports coaching, clearing rubbish at Adderbury Lakes, helping the elderly and at school.

Physical (so important for health these days given the propensity for time spent in front of a computer for both educational reasons and communicating via social media) - in effect any sports, mainstream or otherwise.

Skills - cooking (apparently with impressive results amongst the boys), photography and gardening are common choices. Refereeing or umpiring a sport, hand bell ringing, solo gliding and somewhat surprisingly perhaps archery are others. The map reading necessary to complete the Tour de Trigs is also a possibility N.B. Julie expressed her sincere thanks for the donation of the three trophies that DofE participants are eligible for. In addition she advised that two staff, who take part bi-annually, are now delegated to train students for the Tour.

Expedition - over two (Bronze), three (Silver) and four (Gold) days. This requires, inter alia, detailed logistical planning, knowledge of appropriate equipment, teamwork, map reading, fitness, cooking and camping skills. Recently a team have completed their expedition in Dartmoor, a harsh

and unforgiving environment requiring respect and all of the afore-mentioned competences. The essential training is generally local and centres upon Horley Scout camp site.



Each participant is assessed by an external assessor (one who has not been involved in their training) as independent verification that standards are maintained. Feedback is generally very favourable with students often taken out of their comfort zone but taking pride, confidence and enjoyment in extending themselves.

The Scheme is still developing further at Warriner with plans to secure more volunteers, promote it more widely and to acquire a minibus to obviate the need to borrow one.

The DofE Award clearly provides a valuable part of students' education with varied and testing disciplines. As with so many other extra-curricular activities, so much depends upon the voluntary input of the organisers and supervisors. Accordingly the work of Julie and her colleagues, so important to the future of our younger generation, should be celebrated and supported.



Andrew Fairbairn

Nigel Deakin – My Life Talk



Rotarian Members' "My Life" Talks are always fascinating. This one was no exception on 15 April. We in the audience all knew about Nigel's role at the Beacon Centre. It was interesting to glimpse - through the way Nigel tracked through his series of life experiences and choices - how the experiences in Derby, Coventry, Bradford, Telford, Varanasi and Haifa had led to the life he has lived here in Banbury for the past twenty years with Louise and their family - and to the role he has played in creating a place in our town (a house of grace?) which offers community and support to those who meet at The Beacon.

Nigel was born in Derby and enjoyed his early childhood in a happy nuclear family.

At age eleven he gained a place at Noel Baker School - which enjoyed Grammar School status when he started there but within a year or so morphed into a Comprehensive School of 2200 pupils. Nigel recalls a complete change of atmosphere from hardworking and friendly to "very rough". He feels the school motto should have changed from "Excellence in all things" to "Abandon hope all ye who enter here"...

Despite this, Nigel passed his 'A'-levels and moved on to attain a degree in electronic engineering at Coventry Polytechnic.

He then landed an interesting job working in Bradford as software designer for Tatung UK on the 'Tatung Einstein' - the very first home computer with an integral disk drive - before moving to Telford (still with the same company) to work on TV design.

In 1989, feeling the need for a change, Nigel left the company for a time in order to travel to India. He ended up working in Varanasi on the Ganges at one of Mother Theresa's Sisters of Mercy missions - an experience he describes as "very formative".

He then returned to work again for Tatung on Satellite receiver design, but felt "unfulfilled" by this, so he left again to work in Israel in 1992 for a year with a community based around a Palestinian

Christian family in Haifa. It was a half-way house for Palestinian ex-convicts. "They would come to us on release from prison to be supported on their reintegration into society" says Nigel calmly. "It was called the House of Grace." Nigel summarises it as "an amazing place".

Louise, who later married Nigel, was able to join him living and working in the community for the second six months of his stay. They both volunteered for the community and also travelled extensively throughout Israel and the occupied territories.

On their return to England, they married, moved to Banbury and had four children of whom they are very proud. Soon after moving to Banbury, Nigel attended a meeting at which the founding of a Centre to support the Homeless in Banbury was discussed. He felt moved to apply for the role as manager and has run the Beacon Drop-In Centre for the last 21 years.

Time for hobbies? Not a lot, but both Nigel and Louise were currently rehearsing for Bodicote Players latest Extravaganza.

Many thanks, Nigel, for an enlightening and inspiring talk.

Fred Riches

Rosy Burke – The Making of the Fine Lady on a White Horse Statue



Almost fifteen years ago Rosy Burke, who is a local graphic designer and photographer, had been thinking of ways to enhance Banbury's appeal to visitors. Originally she had considered a Landmark Sculpture Trail based on the world famous nursery rhyme, effectively from junction 11 on the M40 to Banbury Cross. It became clear that this was not practical. Then a proposal that a statue of the fine lady on a white horse should be erected close to the Cross, which had been considered and dropped in the past, was again raised and Rosy was in at the very inception and became a member of a fund raising committee tasked with target of raising the £75,000 pounds required.

Rosy gave us a photographic slide show of the project from the launch of the project by chief fund raiser Jack Friswell and his committee which included Rosy and several members of this Club. She opened with a picture of Henry Franklin, a Banbury boy, who had been successful in the USA as a work wear manufacturer. He left a legacy of £25,000 to Banbury to fund a special project. After a public vote Banbury Town Council allocated this money to the Fine Lady project.

Being a designer and photographer Rosy decided that she would record the entire project from the launch to the unveiling on 27th April, 2005 by the Princess Royal. The slide show showed the making of a small maquette which was displayed as a fund raising aid as the appeal progressed, then the stages which followed, the framework of the statue being made in metal, the clay from which the final statue would come, covering with plaster which was then broken away to make moulds for the casting of the bronze of which the statue was made. Small details such as the weaving of real daffodils which were woven into the ladies headdress which when cast were turned into ash and were imbedded into the statue. Young school children decorated four real horseshoes with rings, bells and spring flowers including four leafed clover. These horseshoes came from a real white cob horse and they were embedded by the children in the plinth below the horse's feet as good luck symbols.

The statue arrived in Banbury on the back of a low loader and caused considerable interest as it passed through the town following Rosy preceding it in her car. All was ready for the big day which started fine but as the Princess Royal was about to unveil the statue the rain started. This did not deter the crowd which stretched well down the High Street and along Horsefair.



Today Rosy always blows a kiss on passing the Fine Lady and has encouraged several mayors to salute

the lady when they pass in procession. Rosy can often be found telling tourists of the spring fertility symbols embedded in the statue and it's Hornton Stone plinth. She says that the lady is shown pausing at Banbury Cross and casting petals around to bring prosperity to the town. She also explained that while originally the horse was white and the Fine Lady clad in a pale green gown, the cost of maintaining this patina would be unrealistic in practical and financial terms.



Rosy's presentation was well received and it was clear that the club members regard this statue with warmth.

Maurice Humphris

Notes from Council Meeting, 27 April

Matters Arising from Committee Meetings

Donations received in memory of the late Rtn. Tom Taylor will be offered to Style Acre for use in purchasing necessary kitchen equipment for training purposes. Foundation Committee's Concert, with the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir and Tavia Lewis performing, going ahead as planned on Saturday 2 July at Broughton Church with tickets now available from Alan or Fashion Fabrics. International Committee organising a Pilauman's Lunch and entertainment/activities on Sunday 7 August. More details later.

Hon Secretary

Active membership now 69 with 8 honorary members. One application for membership received and being processed. Forms completed for District Assembly on 7 May. Compliance Forms need to be signed by next year's President and Secretary. Directory for next year almost complete, awaiting final decisions on Committee memberships. Forms available regarding Corporate or Associate membership.

Hon Treasurer

Trust Accounts - Free Funds £3968 at 31/03/16 with £5000 in Reserve. Cheques for donations to ACEP, Katharine House Hospice, Shelterbox, and Shelter now sent. Gift Aid claim processed quickly by HMRC and money received.

Set up costs and other funding requests

Gift Aid for Katharine House donations to be rounded up to £1000.

Donation of £2000 be sent to End Polio Now campaign.

Donations received in memory of Tom Taylor be rounded up to £800.

That up to £750 be allocated from Club funds to provide uniform and regalia support to the BGN Interact Club.

Club Representations

President had attended District Council on 31 March and Cherwell Club's tour of Upton House on 23 April.

Contact Club - France, 5th to 8th May 2016

12 going now, 6 travelling by air and 6 by road.

Bulletin

President producing the May issue. A new Editor is required for next year.

Key Dates (as above) plus

4 May - Inner Wheel Fashion Show

10 May - Banbury Town Mayoral Inauguration

20 to 22 May - Calvert Trust experience for Frank Wise students

24 May - Club Outing to Coventry Motor Museum and Leicester Space Centre

And Now for Something Different

For Those Who Wonder Why Facebook Exists

"Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same Facebook principles. Therefore, every day I go out on the street and tell the passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will be doing tomorrow.

Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog, of me gardening and spending time in the pool. I also listen to their conversations and tell them I love to hear about their life.

It works, I already have 3 persons following me ..

Two police officers and a psychiatrist."

The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for May 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
6 May	O. Kyffin S. Kershaw A. McHugh R. McLean J. Meredith R. Nurden	G. Jeremy K. Manning	H. Morris	R. Kipping
13 May	M. Phillips G. Pollard S. Porter M. Recchia P. Richardson F. Riches	M. Nutt J. Philips	N. Randall	S. Maxwell
20 May	I. Rodrick P. Thomas R. Thompson A. Warren E. Watson P. Wilkins	J. Smith E. Woodruff	J. Webb	D. Sullivan
27 May	P. Williams A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall N. Yeadon G. Anker I. Anthistle	A. Bedding S. Bion	M. Budd	P. Shea

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

Speaker Programme for May & June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
6 May	Jeff Annells,	Introduction to the Work of Medical Detection Dogs	Maurice Humphris
13 May	James McDonald	CLIC Sargent - Cancer Support for the Young	David Sullivan
20 May	Will Adams	Banbury and District Samaritans	Peter Wilkins
27 May	Rtn Ashley Bedding	My Life/My Job Talk	Paul Gardiner
3 June	Lucy Wise	SeeSaw - Grief Support for Children and Young People in Oxfordshire	Simon Bion
10 June	Rtn. Harry Matthews	My Life/My Job Talk	Maurice Humphris
17 June	1 st VP Owen Kyffin	Club Assembly	
24 June	President Ian Calderbank	Retiring President's Valedictory	