



## The July Diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Handover
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oxford Male Voice Choir Concert
- 5<sup>th</sup> Banbury Cherwell Club Presidential Handover
- 6<sup>th</sup> Community & Vocational Service Committee Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Classification & Membership Committee Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sports & Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> Inner Wheel Presidential Handover
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> Foundation Committee Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> RYLA
- 20<sup>th</sup> Youth Service Committee Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> International Committee Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Rotary Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting

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## A great year Ian!



You have had to listen to today's speaker too often already so you may be pleased to know that this is my Valedictory - a review, thanks and farewell.

I have enjoyed this past year in Rotary and I hope that you have enjoyed it too. We are a fun club and I find the banter at lunchtime meetings great, even when I am at the receiving end. We enjoy each other's company on Fridays, at events and on social occasions.

Our Club's many activities run well thanks to the skills of those leading them and the hard work from others too. Assistant Governor Keith Crawford described us as a well-oiled machine and, as far as the public is concerned, we put on good events. We know that the occasional hiccup occurs but people quickly sort it out.

From my privileged position, I am aware how hard some members work to ensure that the machine does run smoothly. At the AGM I declined to name names but today due credit should be given.

Considerable hours are put in by Club Officers like Paul, our efficient Secretary keeping us informed and processing paperwork in a timely fashion, and David our willing Treasurer writing his cheques, recording and handling money in and out of the bank. I thank both for their hard work and, perhaps more in the background, John Webb for fulfilling the important offices of Club Protection, Health and Safety, and Eric for running the Club Draw - not that I've been a winner.

We pack a lot into our meetings which would not be possible without the good leadership of our Fellowship and House Committee by Stephen, and the willingness of others to carry out regular duties - setting up the room, projection and audio facilities, running the cash desk, Stan with his rota, etc. I am also always impressed how members step in when someone is unable to fulfil a scheduled duty.

I thank Programme Chairman, Helen, who has provided good speakers and briefed them to keep within twenty minutes, making my life easier in the Chair. I also thank all of you that, in spite of casual behaviour to each other during banter, have always shown the speaker and myself respect at question time, waiting to be called to ask a question rather than jumping in. That again made my life easier.

We are of course truly blessed here with excellent food and service from Sanchia and Pink Peppercorns and we all thank them.

There are others I thank - Council members, and in particular, my predecessor Phil (and Di) for their constant support and encouragement.

I mentioned Paul earlier but Mark was our proficient Minute taker and his notes, sent to me promptly, were invaluable for my reports to the Bulletin and Committees. Soon, Mark will take on Paul's role and Peter Wilkins will take the Minutes. Owen, the good news is that Peter's notes are as clear as Mark's.

I mentioned the Bulletin, and I say a big thank you to Ron who, as well as maintaining our website and providing much technical support elsewhere, produced excellent Bulletins, including Helen's fine photos.

Committees organise the groundwork, and I thank all Chairmen and those to whom they delegate. Youth Services under Geoff covers many activities. The "Children Singing for Children" concerts, led by Jonathan, Fred and Alan are a highlight of our year.



But we have many other activities with youth - the Young Musician and Young Chef competitions under

Gareth's and Bernard's leaderships, the Calvert Trust weekend and school Practice Interviews organised by Nigel Randall, BYHP interviews by Shirley, and the Brodey Bursary managed by John, next year possibly being the last for new students.

Our International Committee under Andrew McHugh's chairmanship has provided the Snookathon and "food and films" to enjoy while fundraising.



Will Brexit affect their present focus on Africa?

Nigel Yeadon through his Sports and Entertainment Committee supplied a range of fun activities from throwing darts, more successful golf via Malcolm Nutt and his team, a Treasure Hunt, Go-karting, visits to a Transport Museum and the Space Centre, a Last Night at the Proms, and next week, magic in London courtesy of Graham.

The Classification, Membership and PR Committee under John Smith's chairmanship covers a range of our interests with Maurice doing a more than conscientious job as Welfare Officer, Simon looking for PR opportunities, and Tony maintaining attendance records.

Sadly, we have lost three of our elder statesmen this year, namely Charles Swain, David Barlow and Tom Taylor all of whom we miss but remember fondly. Also Gilbert Csecs, Brian Gardner, Peggy Williams and Colin Clarke each decided that they are too busy elsewhere to stay as members. So, it's time to invite more to join us, as Charles has done today.

The judgement exercised by our Community and Vocational Committee as to which causes to support is crucial to our effectiveness.

One of their recent activities, organised by Helen Braisby and enjoyed by attendees, was our party for the visually impaired, using Malcolm Dibb's excellent catering and Gareth's fine musicians not forgetting our in-house comedy trio.

This Committee, chaired by Simon Bion, also organises our Christmas street organ collections and



the time put in by Andrew Fairbairn and John Webb at the machines and Alan banking was outstanding. Christmas was busy for many, particularly those collecting food from Sainsburys and making up and distributing parcels to the needy. Some also took the Round Table Christmas Float to a few villages, but the enjoyable Service Clubs Carol Service really started the season for me.



Foundation is our Rotary charity and that committee, under Ron's chairmanship, aims to raise at least \$100 per member each year by various means including that fun event, Stephen's Summer Steaming.

The Committee also drives our End Polio Now campaign and it is impressive how those organising this, particularly Fred and John Bennett, have involved local schools for crocus planting and concerts. Although we cancelled our crocus concerts this year, Sibford School continued with theirs and kindly gave us the money raised.



Talking of schools, it is good that Ian Anthistle and John Bennett's efforts have increased the interest in Interact at BGN.

I also thank Martin and Annie for taking care of a more mature student, our Rotary Scholar, Zali Fung from Australia.

At the last Handover I highlighted the Rotary International President's theme "Be a Gift to the World". Through your efforts, we have given over £30,000 to various causes, including:

- £7,750 to Katharine House Hospice;

- £5,750 to Foundation;
- £2,000 to the End Polio Now Campaign;
- £3,000 to Frank Wise School;
- £3,000 to engineering students via the Brodey Bursary;
- £1,500 to Hope & Homes for Children;
- £1,050 to Style Acre;
- £1,500 towards Alan's Sierra Leone schools project. We also helped to transfer almost £25,000 raised by Alan for his projects;
- £500 raised by Andrew's Wolf Run for Air Ambulance; and
- over £2,000 to Shelter from Andrew's and my Tour de Trigs sponsorship.

I think we have complied well with the RI President's theme.

Events are successful through the efforts of our project leaders and their supporting teams, an example being "Children Singing for Children" concerts.

Earlier I named only the leaders for that event but they are backed by others and we should not underestimate the importance of those dealing with finer details such as Ian organising stewards, Ron creating projector displays, and others on cash desks, etc.

Mother Teresa put our individual efforts into perspective when she said "Most of us can do, not great things, only small things but with great love".

We think sometimes that our individual efforts are too small to be significant. However, if you think that small cannot be effective, try sharing a bed for the night with a mosquito!

I have been asked if I am enjoying my year as President. The answer was quite simply "Yes" and I thank you for helping me to do so. I am also asked about highlights and lowlights. That is more difficult to answer.

There have been a number of highlights such as the 80th Anniversary Dinner, the "Children Singing for Children" concerts and the Young Musician and Young Chef competitions. Working with young people is rewarding, even planting crocus bulbs in the rain.

The Contact Club visit to France was definitely a highlight but, as you know I enjoy my food and wine. Of course the fellowship and fun there was great too, particularly as our singing prowess shone with our versions of "Bring Me Sunshine" and "Yellow Submarine". I was tempted to ask our choir, if that is the correct description, to perform

again today but the temptation soon waned you will be pleased to know.

Lowlights? - well I can't think of anything serious.

If I am honest, my not completing the full 50 miles of the Tour de Trigs was a disappointment but few entrants did thanks to Storm Desmond and for me there were highlights, one that, at nearly 40 miles, I had walked further than ever before and in far worse conditions.

Another was recognising that whoever up there looks after me stepped in and sent a doctor to walk with me, diagnose hypoxia and insist on my stopping otherwise I would have tried to continue, possibly resulting in long term damage.

Here, I not only congratulate Andrew on making the full 50 miles but I also thank him for walking many hours with me beforehand to build my physical and mental stamina to the level required. In addition to funds raised through the Club mentioned earlier, we raised £1,250 on the internet making our total over £3,300 for Shelter, which made it all worthwhile.

Of course, one person I really do need to thank is here as my guest. Pat has worked hard to support me, has always been on hand to help, and she has refused me nothing that I have ever requested!

I am now "Yesterday's Man". Next week Owen will take over for what promises to be a good year for the Club. Please remember that he is not retired like me but works full time and will need your total support.

Again, I thank you for your support of me over the past year. It has gone by quickly. So, with apologies to our resident poet Tony, but, as Dr. Seuss said:

How did it get so late so soon?  
It's night before it's afternoon.  
December's here before it's June.  
My goodness how the time has flown.  
How did it get so late so soon?

I will also accept that classic advice from Dr Seuss:

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened".

Thank you for listening.

Ian Calderbank

## *Party for the Blind and Partially Sighted*



The weather may not have been good on the afternoon of 31<sup>st</sup> May, but that did not stop all of us enjoying the tea and entertainment at our indoor party for the blind and visually impaired.

Excellent food from the Cornish Pasty and Tea Shop followed by lovely musical entertainment by our Young Musician Competition winners Diego Sunga and Venetia Moir, comedy from our three Rotarian Napoleonic War veterans Nigel, John and Peter, then more music from Gareth and Jenny.

Thank you to our organiser Helen and all the others involved in making it happen.

Ian Calderbank

## *Out and About*



The World Poohsticks Championships took place on a beautiful sunny day in Witney on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June and everybody had a fantastic time. The rivalry between the players in both the team and individual events was fierce but in the end the Rotary Club of Oxford Spires managed to find the winners for 2016.

There were plenty of other attractions including the ShelterBox and equipment supplied and demonstrated courtesy of the Rotary Club of Banbury.



As a result, a request was made for a ShelterBox presentation on 29<sup>th</sup> June to the Cogges Cub Group at Witney which was duly provided.

7<sup>th</sup> Banbury Explorers, Scouts and Beavers were also supported for their annual sponsored walk which raised funds for the group.

Andrew Fairbairn

## *Style Acre Presentation*



On 8<sup>th</sup> June we were pleased to present two cheques to help local organisations who themselves provide excellent support for the Banburyshire community.

John Webb handed one cheque to Moira Logie, Fundraising Manager for Katharine House Hospice.

Mrs. Emma Taylor handed the other cheque to the team at Style Acre. This latter had been donated at the funeral of her late husband, Rtn. Tom Taylor, for use by the Rotary Club of Banbury in his memory. It will help to purchase kitchen equipment for training purposes.

Ian Calderbank

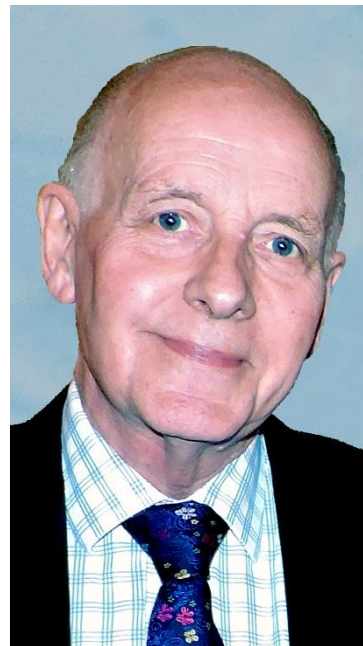
## *A date with Helen*



On 10<sup>th</sup> June Alan's school projects in Sierra Leone got another boost thanks to Helen's generosity in handing over at our meeting a cheque for £300 resulting from her "Buy a Date" competition. Thank you Helen for helping Alan continue his fantastic work.

## *Welcome Charles Hughes*

We are absolutely delighted this month to have welcomed a new member into the Rotary Club of Banbury and the worldwide family of Rotary.



Charles Hughes whose Classification is "Product Resourcing".

We extend a very warm welcome to you and very much look forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks, months and years

## *Speaker Reports*

*Lucy Wise – See Saw*



Grief support  
for children  
and young people  
in Oxfordshire

On 3 June, Club were addressed by Lucy Wise, a recent recruit to the staff at SeeSaw who gave an excellent talk with sensitivity and commitment. She was joined later by Carol Humphris to assist in answering any specific questions relating to Banbury activities.

What is SeeSaw?

A charity providing grief support for children and young people, (up to the age of 18), in Oxfordshire.

A major bereavement is hard enough for an adult to cope with, but it can be extremely frightening and confusing for a child:

- they feel exactly the same sadness, anger and pain as adults, but find it harder to understand and navigate their way through their many different emotions;
- the people best placed to support them, their family, are themselves grieving;
- their friends, who may have no experience of death, cannot fully understand what they are going through.

About a third of bereaved children experience real difficulties. This can happen in some cases where the death of a loved one was unexpected or particularly traumatic, such as accident, murder or suicide.

One child might go 'off the rails', while another might withdraw and hardly speak. Without expert support at this critical time, these children can face serious emotional problems in later life.

SeeSaw works with about 450 children each year, usually following the death of a parent, but also if a brother or sister dies, close friend or grandparent.

#### Bereavement Statistics

Around 200 parents die in the area each year, leaving around 350 dependent children up to the age of 17.

It is estimated that the current school age population of children and young people (aged 5 to 16) in this area who have been bereaved of a parent or sibling at some point in their childhood is around 2,250.

Considering these figures, the need for SeeSaw is evident.

#### The SeeSaw Team

The charity has 10 Trustees, all of whom are volunteers, their role is to ensure financial sustainability and adherence to its principles and aims.

There are 4 clinical staff members and the same number in the office team.

12 highly skilled and trained volunteer support workers to deliver grief support where required.

Additionally, volunteers support office work, fundraising events and act as ambassadors for talks to community groups

#### Overview of Services

- One to one support: including telephone advice for parents and carers and face to face

work with children. Volunteers provide much of this work across the county.

- Schools support service: training for teachers on how to support a bereaved child. Also a rapid response support in cases where there has been a sudden death of a pupil under the age of 18.
- Pre-bereavement work: work with families where a parent or sibling is known to be dying.
- Training for professionals: specialist training and consultation with a range of agencies including health and social care, police and more.
- Side by side activity days: to bring together young people and families in a variety of ways to provide therapeutic support and reduce the sense of isolation

All SeeSaw's services are free of charge and they don't have a waiting list.

Following feedback from two youth forums they are now developing online support.

#### The Financials

Currently for just under £310,000 a year, SeeSaw is able to provide a comprehensive service to the whole of Oxfordshire, Just 15% of this income is from committed grants the rest depends upon their own fund-raising efforts.

Due to technical problems a short film was not shown but can be seen if you follow the links on their website.

Simon Bion

#### *Harry Matthews – My Life Talk*



On 10<sup>th</sup> June Harry gave us a whistle-stop journey through his life story from his birth, with a twin brother, in Glasgow through various Kentish locations and employments to his time in Banbury.

At the age of 16 he became an apprentice toolmaker, it was as an apprentice with Richard Klinger working on cylinder head gaskets that he really started his love affair with cars. He then spent six years as a time and motion engineer before moving to Ford Motors as an industrial engineer.

He then ran a very successful driving school, successful in more ways than one as it was through the school that Harry met his lovely wife Irene. He claims that Irene as head girl of her school won him, or rather driving lessons as a special award. It so happened that Harry himself gave her driving lessons and they never looked back from there.

Harry and Irene became shop keepers and it was during this period that Harry learned his expertise with wine! Chilled Red Sancerre was a new experience to me when Harry introduced me to it soon after his move to Banbury.

Long before their move to Banbury Harry had caught the collecting bug, he collects almost anything but his great interests, besides classic cars, are road fund licenses, bank notes, coins, beer mats and cigar bands. In his road fund licence collection, he has most dates going back to their commencement in 1921. He even has a carriage license which pre-dates these.

He has owned over 50 cars at various times and currently has a 1953 Jaguar and a gorgeous wine red Mercedes.

He has continued an interest in golf playing at both at the Tadmarton and Banbury courses.

As a former Round Tabler and Rotarian, and on moving to this area, he attended a 41 Club meeting where he was spotted by Roger Worrall who very quickly introduced him to this club where he very soon showed himself to be a real asset, throwing himself enthusiastically into several club activities.

Harry expressed his gratitude for the friendship shown to him and Irene and the support that he has received since her untimely passing twelve months ago.

I am sure that I speak for all members when I say we look forward to many more years of Harry's membership and friendship. If you want to know more about Harry see his website, [www.poparound.com](http://www.poparound.com)

Maurice Humphris

## *Around the Committees*

### *President's business*



In accordance with ancient tradition the last Council meeting of the Rotary year was a little less formal than previous ones, as can be seen above!

However, your Council members did manage to interrupt the eating and drinking long enough to transact some Rotary business.

Council agreed to make a donation of £100 for food tokens for local homeless, and to recommend to Club setup costs of £1,275 for the purchase of Crocus Bulbs (the cost to be fully funded by others), and £335 setup cost for Stephen's Summer Steaming.

A huge thank-you is due from all members of the past year's Council to Pat for letting us invade her home each month and for her absolutely tremendous hospitality, very many thanks indeed.

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### *And it's good night from him*

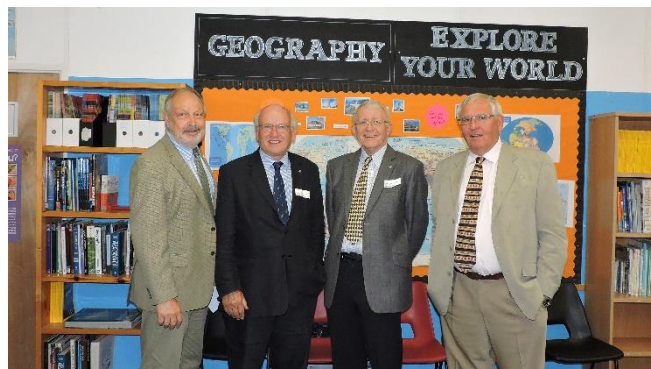
As I hand over the baton of Bulletin Editor I would like to say a huge thank-you to all those who have not only contributed to the content, but more importantly done so in a timely manner without being chased.

It has been a pleasure to receive and put together all your contributions and I very much hope that my successor, Andrew Fairbairn, will be equally well supported.

Ron Barnett



*The Month in Pictures*





## *Weekly Meeting Duties for July 2016*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&amp;H in charge</u>
1 July	Handover Meeting. Waitress Service.	F. Riches H. Braisby	D. Sullivan	S. Crump
8 July	J. Smith R. Thompson A. Warren J. Webb P. Wilkins E. Watson	I. Rodrick J. Bennett	E. Woodruff	R. Kipping
15 July	N. Yeadon A. Bedding P. Williams I. Anthistle R. Barnett R. Worrall	G. Anker P. Thomas	S. Bion	S. Maxwell
22 July	J. Brodey P. Cavill N. Deakin S. Dhesi B. Doe B. Goodchild	M. Budd B. Cornley	J. Donaldson	P. Shea
29 July	M. Douglas N. Halfpenny T. Iles G. Jeremy S. Kershaw K. Manning	A. Fairbairn J. Hansford	H. Matthews	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 July & August*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
1 July	Owen Kyffin	President's Handover	
8 July	Luke Simon	School in a Bag	Alan Wolstencroft
15 July	Drew Kamphuis	First for Safety	Bernard Goodchild
22 July	Joy Arnott	District Governor	President Owen
29 July	Nigel Yeadon	Longer Serving Member	John Bennett
5 August	Cathy Adams	Charity in Stratford upon Avon	Peter Wilkins
12 August	Leigh Warren	Brodey Scholarship (TB confirmed)	John Brodey
19 August	Neil Gadsby	Katharine House Hospice Title: 30 Years to the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Roger Worrell
26 August	No Speaker	Fellowship Meeting	