



## *The October Diary*

*2nd Canal Day  
5th Community & Vocational  
Committee  
5th Classification &  
Membership Committee  
7th Rotary Meeting  
8th Stroke Awareness Day  
12th Foundation Committee  
13th District Darts  
14th Rotary Meeting  
17th District Meet the Scholars  
18th Sports & Entertainment  
Committee  
19th World Polio Day  
19th Youth Services Committee  
19th International Committee  
20th Meet the Scholars  
21st Rotary Meeting  
26th Council Meeting  
28th Rotary Meeting  
31st Ardley Energy Recovery  
Facility Visit*

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## *President Owen's September round up*

Well September saw a busier time in Club and out and about.

After Club meeting on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September saw me joining Neil and John Brodey at Norbar Torque Tools where they were interviewing the two candidates for the Brodey Bursary James Gregory and Octavia Lewis.

I am delighted to say both were successful and can be seen here receiving their first cheque.



As you will all know the Brodey bursary was created by the Brodey family to help encourage and support engineering students. Rotary are very grateful to the Brodey family and Norbar for their continued support.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September we enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship at Banbury Cricket Club where we playing a fiercely contested Aunt Sally match.



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September saw a number of us helping Peter Williams with his "Fastest Cue Slinger" event at the MFA Bowl in Banbury raising funds for Peter's Cue Games for Schools initiative.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September I was very proud to represent Club at the Battle of Britain commemorations, along with various representatives of the other Service Clubs. We paraded from the Town Hall to St Mary's where we were treated to a Spitfire flypast before taking part in a church service and then retiring back to the Town Hall for refreshments!



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> was no ordinary Club meeting as we had the very great pleasure of seeing Tony Brace join us again after a very long absence due to ill health. It was marvellous to see him again and more importantly to see him looking so well.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> saw a number of our Club join Banbury Inner Wheel Club at their Big Band Concert at Tudor Hall School. The evening went with a swing and was a great success.



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> saw a group of us organised by the Sports and Entertainment Committee visit Banbury North Signal box in its last week of being open to the public. It was a fascinating and enjoyable evening and a unique opportunity. I did feel a little for the guide showing us around because he was unaware that Bob Nurden had worked in a signal box in a former existence so Bob (with John Webb's help) helped him out if at any point his explanations went "slightly off the tracks."

The month ended very sadly with the news that Di Cavill, Past President Phil Cavill's wife, had lost her battle with cancer. Di was very active supporting Phil during his year as President. She was, therefore, very well known to a lot of members of our Club. I am pleased to say that Phil has his family around him, supporting him at the moment, but let's make sure we are there to offer him fellowship and support when he needs it.

President Owen Kyffin

## *Events*

### *Banbury Station Box Visit*

The Banbury North Signal Box is a Great Western Railway medium-sized 'Type 7' signal box, built in 1899. With South Box it controlled the working of the station and the Blocks to north and south. It incorporates the technology of the day; track circuits, block instruments, levers for points and semaphore signals and mechanical and electrical



interlocking. The lever frame was replaced and relocated on the opposite side of the box in 1956. The box is otherwise largely unaltered. Its external restoration to Great Western Railway 1930's condition was a local, staff-driven initiative.



The Box today still contains much of its original equipment (levers, bells and block instruments) and has been exceptionally well cared for and maintained by generations of Banbury bobbies. It is reputed to be the best kept Signal Box on the modern railway. The Banbury Area Remodelling Project has transferred signalling control into the state of the art computed-based interlocking solution at a Rail Operating Centre (ROC) at the West Midlands Signalling Centre (WMSC).

So, it has been a vital part of the safe movement of trains in and out of Banbury Station.

With its sister box (Banbury South) now sadly put to rest, the aim now is to allow a lot of people to go and have the last opportunity to share the life of a Banbury 'bobby' pulling the levers, sounding the bells and of course waving to every train that goes past, which is why we Rotarians went to visit on Monday evening. They wanted us to 'treasure our visit and help keep alive the memory of Banbury North Signal Box for generations to come' and no doubt we will because we had a very enjoyable and informative evening. Josh Watkins, the Train Planner/Oxford Implementation Programme Assistant was thanked by President Owen Kyffin for his enthusiasm which was "clear and infectious" and he knew that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He also 'apologised' that we brought along two ex-signalmen with us without warning him but he thought they were reasonably well behaved and not too chopsy!



Josh, and his colleague Dave, had also 'really enjoyed' the evening and thought it was an 'absolute pleasure showing us around'. They also enjoyed having the ex-signalmen on the tour which they found was a really helpful addition. They thought it was "great to hear their stories of how the railway used to be".

It is a real shame that the box has to go, although it is a very reassuring feeling knowing that the instruments and frame will be preserved and used in the future. They believe that some of the parts will be used in the Iconic Signalbox at Princes Risborough, which is part of the operation of the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway.

## *Speaker Reports*

*Peter Williams – Cricket Golf and Balls on a Snooker Table*



How do you play a game of cricket on a snooker table, especially a small snooker table? Answer - you pot the coloured balls which each have a "score" which is one less than the snooker value of that colour. Which seems a bit confusing until you realise that it means the black will be a "6"!

Peter demonstrated not only how you can play cricket but also bowls and for this he enlisted the help of various Rotarians who weren't quite sure what they were letting themselves in for. But it turned out to be good fun and not a little skilful if you take it seriously.

Apparently you can also play golf on a snooker table but unfortunately time ran out on us so we didn't get to see how the eagles and birdies would play out.

Allegations at one point of a dodgy surface on the table were soon dispelled by Peter producing a spirit level (I kid you not) to prove it was perfectly level.



You always know with Peter that you're going to get something slightly different and this presentation was no exception. It was mooted that Table Top sports could take the place of the District Darts competition, but let's have our Club get in some serious practice first before anyone else in District gets involved.

Nigel Yeadon

*Lucy Cross – My Rotary Exchange to Japan*



Our speaker on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September was Lucy Cross who was sponsored by the Youth Services Committee to take part in a Rotary Youth Exchange to Japan in the summer of 2015.

Lucy who lives in Bodicote explained that a year before the trip she had been studying the Japanese language while attending school in Stratford on Avon and was very interested in its society and culture. After seeing the Rotary Short Term Exchange programme advertised on its web site in 2014, she submitted an expression of interest application. Lucy and her family were interviewed and accepted for 2015. She was paired up with Maki Yoneda of Osaka, Japan, who had an interest in exchanging with someone in England. During the following months the two corresponded by email and exchanged photos and discussed interests.

In April 2015 Lucy attended an Orientation day in Harrow where she found she was not the only one going to Japan. Two other students from London, Michaela and Andrew, had also been paired up with students in Osaka at the same time. Lucy found this reassuring knowing they were going too and they helped each other plan activities and shared both excitement and slight nerves.

Then on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Lucy flew out to Osaka, Japan's second largest city and home of her "host sister".

Greeted at the airport by her host family carrying a fabulously large sign printed with her name so she would not get lost, she felt totally comfortable from that first meeting, greeted by hugs and affection. Lucy was so jet lagged all she wanted to do was to go to bed, however her host family, being very keen to show her Japanese culture as soon as possible, went straight to a Sushi bar. Here for the first time Lucy apprehensively tried raw fish sushi which to her surprise tasted delicious!

The House that Maki lived in was so different and unlike anything in the UK. Most Japanese people buy a plot of land to build their own home which is often single storey with paper internal walls. However, Maki's father was obsessed with wood and had imported timber from Finland building his own house with 2 floors, carving almost every piece of furniture himself and it smelt amazing.

At the time I arrived in Japan, Maki hadn't finished school, but no problem. Maki's mother and I went on day trips and she showed me the local area.

The first weekend we went to Osaka Castle. Very different to our castles, it had an almost modern feel. I was surprised to find it is deconstructed and rebuilt every 20 years so the older generation teaches the younger men the skills in building which are not lost. We also visited temples and their local shrine where I met the priestess and got to dress in traditional holy clothes.

Then at the start of the next week when it was the last few days of term, I was allowed to attend school with Maki, helping out with their English classes and sat through Geography and Maths. Schooling was much different to England. Students have far more involvement, they clean the school, serve food in the canteen and stay for almost two hours every day to participate in their chosen club activities. Maki took part in Track & Field and trained for the javelin. This week was when Michaela and Andrew came to Japan. Michaela's host is also Maki's best friend, so we did lots of activities together like shopping, visits to museums and Osaka's famous giant Aquarium. I also had the chance to meet other Rotary Exchange students from all around the world.

The Rotary Club in Japan was very kind to us. They were eager to show us the best parts of Japan, organized cultural activities and trips, to Hiroshima where we saw a beautiful temple built on a tidal island. Hiroshima's peace museum was a sad sombre experience. They arranged a boat trip to Toba and Ise shrine, teaching us to arrange flowers, Japanese style and take part in a Tea Ceremony. Other things that were arranged were watching Maki take part in a field tournament and to her younger sister's school festival, where we all dressed in Yukata and learnt traditional dances from their Grandparents. We went to the historic city of Kyoto visiting the Golden Temple.

A visit to a Rotary Club meeting where they served a meal involving many pieces of raw fish, shrimps and tempura - quite an experience.

Then on the 29<sup>th</sup> July I said my goodbyes and together with Maki, flew back to England.

However, the trip was not entirely without its issues. In Japan I discovered I have a mosquito allergy, my legs swelling up in large blisters. Fortunately, Kitanaka San, a Rotarian doctor was able to provide me with medication. On the flight back to England I developed DVT so on arrival had to spend the first day in hospital.

The three weeks here were just as much fun as in Japan. Together with Michaela and Hana, we organised a very busy tour of England. Maki saw Bourton on the Water, we trekked to Broughton Castle and visited Warwick Castle where Maki and Hana had great fun dressing up as Knights. We visited Blenheim Palace, Oxford, London, Birmingham, Stratford upon Avon and Bournemouth. We saw a performance of Othello and the RSC, went on the London Eye and even to the beach, although sadly the weather wasn't amazing.

We were both invited to attend a Rotary meeting at the Rotary Club of Banbury at which we were introduced to the members who all made us very welcome.

All too soon we had to say our goodbyes which was quite emotional, after all the time we had spent together.

I'm confident both Maki and I had such a fantastic time, getting opportunities to see and experience things we never could have done without the support of the Rotary Clubs of Banbury and Osaka, Japan. Also I must mention our respective families without whose assistance none of this would have been possible.

Throughout the last 12 months we've stayed in constant contact and remained close friends, so much so that during August this year I returned to Japan to complete a language course. During a weekend I travelled up to Osaka staying with my host family once more, making more visits to the beautiful mountains nearby and my friends' family.

So, thank you Rotary so much for enabling this trip. It has been truly one of the best experiences of my life and I would recommend it to any young person wishing to experience a different country and culture.

Geoff Pollard

*Tony Wiltshire – Longer Serving Member*

Definition of a bore:- Someone who talks about themselves when they could be talking about me.

Tony was born in 1932, moved to Hawkinge (Folkestone) 1935 and Bicester 1939 and during his talk gave details of some of the important and interesting happenings of his life augmented with



interesting and often humorous events. Below are some of these events in chronological order.



1943 - Started Grammar School - Biology was the only science taught, no Calculus or Trigonometry.

1948 - Passed School Certificate, became Lab Technician at PHLS. Related many stories of interesting, if unusual, activities centred in the lab. Before passing inter exam "Laboratory Technology" set lab on fire by squirting ether through syringes, made explosives and demolished J Smith's pullover. Worked with Heinz Wolf developing urine testing technology for the Radcliffe Hospital. Passed Inter Exam "Laboratory technology".

1952 - National Service - Put in charge of Army School of Health Laboratory, Mychett nr. Aldershot.

1954 - Back to work - Identifying Pathogens.

1955 - November - Motorcycle accident. Tried to drive through a stationary car at 70mph.

1956 - June - Back to work, bought car with wages saved, appointed permanent post as Senior Lab Technician. Banbury NHS.

1957 - Passed Haematology Final Exam and awarded a Fellowship of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences.

1969 - Married Valerie.

Tony went on to describe many aspects of his work over many years, many with humorous anecdotes. Over the years he has provided help and guidance to the care industry and many patients with his insight and initiative to meeting their needs.

Time limited further expansion of Tony's life story, there is plenty more which will have to wait another occasion for a continuation of a fascinating talk.

Stewart Maxwell

*Laurie Cunningham –Council on Legislation*



We were all a little worried that the title of Laurie's talk was COL, not a subject that one might find stimulating. However, Laurie, with his knowledge of Rotarians and with his experience of being the founder president of his own club in 1997, did manage to find the right spot so that his talk was presented to us in a most interesting and informative manner.

To lighten things up Laurie told us about the 'Windy' city and how he managed to miss his flight at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.

The recent COL took place on 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at The Chicago Hilton Downtown Hotel where all of the delegates also stayed. One of the highlights of his Rotary career was to be elected as a Past District Governor to attend this meeting, Laurie referred to this forum as the Rotary Parliament.

This COL Parliament consisted of 530 representatives, each having the opportunity to vote on some 115 proposed enactments. We were informed that Enactments make changes to the Constitution, Club constitution and RI by-laws.

Of 63 proposed resolutions only 14 were adopted.

Some important changes were granted by the Council;

- 1) Council granted Clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership. It allowed Clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person and when to cancel a

meeting as long as they meet at least twice a month.

- 2) Six membership criteria were also removed from the RI Constitution and replaced with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.
- 3) Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary Clubs while they are still in Rotaract.
- 4) In order to reduce costs it was decided that COL would meet online annually to consider Resolutions and then meet every 3 years to vote on Enactments which would save approx. \$300,000.

Peter Richardson

*Brian Little – Is there still a Banbury Experience?*



Brian provided a fascinating talk which concentrated and expanded upon the following themes:

Banbury Cross and the Fine Lady Statue - the well-known nursery rhyme remains Banbury's chief asset;

Village Carriers - a form of freight transport service. 19<sup>th</sup> century Banbury was their metropolis;

Fairs and markets - designed to extend the concept of Carriers to help unite a town with its surrounding villages;

Pubs and hotels - revealed the social mix at the time, but less so now due to market changes, the decline of the sector and closure of many pubs;

The impact of slum clearance, overspill agreements (influx from London and Birmingham) and loss of shopping destination status; and

The future - remains uncertain and depends upon constructive exploitation of the canal, the 'old town' and appreciating St. Mary's Church and the Market Place as the town's heartland and relevance to tourism.

Helen Morris

## *Sierra Leone Update*



I recently attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Woodstock & Kidlington and was presented with a cheque for £1,500 and this will be put towards the water harvesting project at the Good News School.

This money has been "matched" with a grant from Rotary District 1090 and will enable us to install a rainwater harvesting system on the existing 2 classroom block and on the next 2 classroom block which will be built later this year. We are also going to install hand wash stations at the toilet block to improve general hygiene for the children.

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This is the Good News School "in recognition of all your work for our Community. We are adopting a school motto which will be "Making a Real Difference" and we are introducing a school uniform for pupils. Our uniqueness is to have the Community making a difference in educating our children and adults. We wish to recognise everything you have done for us and thank you and all your sponsors for their great support which is impacting our lives".

I am honoured and humbled by the decision made by the community members to re-name the school and would like to thank ALL my supporters for helping me "make a real difference". The badge design and the motto were their idea - I just made,

with a little help from Rotarian Barnett, some slight adjustments to produce the final badge.



Alan Wolstencroft

## *Contact*



Club has been advised of the sad news that Dieter Brucklacher, a Past President of Aalen-Heidenheim and a keen participant in Contact, has died.

Rtn. Brucklacher was born 1939 and studied physics and was a scientific assistant at the Nuclear Research Centre in Karlsruhe. After he married Monika, he took over the responsibility for the family-owned business of Monika's parents, the Leitz group in Oberkochen. Leitz is a leading technology manufacturer of machine-driven precision tools and process designed tool systems for the professional processing of solid wood, wood derived and plastic materials. They employ 4,100 people and generate a group turnover of €460M.

As well as his own business, he also was active in industry associations, for example as a Vice President of the regional Chamber of Commerce and, for four years (2004-2007), as the President of the VDMA, the German Mechanical Engineering Industry Association.

He joined Rotary in 1976 and was President of Aalen-Heidenheim in 1996-97.

## *Around the Committees*

### *Foundation Committee*

#### **Meet the Rotary Scholars**

This year, the 70<sup>th</sup> year of the Rotary Scholars Programme, District 1090 is hosting scholars from across the globe, including Japan, USA, Australia, Germany, Italy, South Africa and New Zealand. Our Club is again privileged to be hosting a student from Australia, Vanessa Picker, who is attending Kellogg College, Oxford University.

This year's "Meet Our Rotary Scholars Evening" is being held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm at Badgemore Park Golf Club, Henley, RG9 4NR. Between 12 and 14 Scholars are expected to join us this year, and this evening provides the Club with the opportunity not only to welcome our guests, but also to invite them to speak to our Club. Last year, our Club put on a special evening, inviting Rotarians from our zone and guests to hear three scholars speak, and an excellent evening it was.

The cost is £22 per person for a two course meal and coffee, and if any member wishes to represent our Club and have an enjoyable, entertaining evening, please let Martin Phillips know. There may be a limit on the number of places available so please contact Martin as soon as possible so as not to be disappointed.



## *Youth Services*

### Children Singing for Children Concerts

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at St Mary's Church, Banbury.

Primary School Children to raise their Voices in support of Local & International Children's Charities.

Choirs from 28 primary schools - around 700 children - will take part in this year's concerts organised by the Rotary Club of Banbury. A fourth evening has again been added due to their popularity with local schools and the Banbury public.

The children will experience performing with professional musicians and each school's choir will sing two songs of their own choice before the massed choir finale based on a 'One World Theme' with three songs including, "World in Union" and the eponymous theme song "Children Singing for Children", composed specially for these concerts by local teacher Kate MacLean and arranged by local musician Mike Horth.

The concerts will also feature performances by young soloists.

Now in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the new series, the concerts have raised over £60,000 for Children's Charities. This year the main beneficiaries will be:-

- Dogs for Good - a charity based in Banbury and using funds raised specifically for their work training dogs as companions for children with autism.
- A schools project in Sierra Leone - Alan Wolstencroft, a Banbury Rotarian, has been supporting the community in Freetown for ten years and monies from the concerts will be used to further improve facilities.
- Purple4Polio - RIBI (Rotary International in Britain and Ireland) celebrates the Centenary of Foundation this year by working in partnership with the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) to plant six million crocus corms across the nation; locally this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of our local Club's awareness and fundraising response to the international campaign to eradicate polio.

Organiser, Rotarian Jonathan Meredith said "the concerts really are a Win-Win Event - the children enjoy them, the teachers enjoy them, the parents and friends enjoy them, the LiveArts volunteers at St Mary's enjoy them, Rotarians enjoy them - and the children receiving support from the three charitable causes benefit hugely from us all enjoying ourselves and the audience paying a little for the privilege! We in Rotary are enormously grateful to everyone involved for making this such a successful annual event in the Banbury Calendar."

Performances begin at 7pm and last for 90 minutes. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets priced at £5 are available from participating schools until half term and then from Fashion Fabrics, 13 Parsons St, Banbury. Tel No 01295 262764 or 266728.

### *Feedback from Council*

#### Community & Vocation

The Snooker event at MFA Bowl Banbury raised £53 which is to be split equally between our Club and Cue Games for Schools. There had been good response to request for helpers Canal Day, any surplus with a 10% deduction for Free Funds will go to Spurgeons Young Careers as a donation towards the Kids Day Out. Sainsbury's have offered definite dates of 18<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas Collections - booked for the Street Organ. £250 has been donated to the club for support at the recent Cherwell Rotary Sportive event, £150 of which is to go to Spurgeons and the balance to Free Funds. Council approved £200 for menu pamphlets for Banbury Food for Charities.

#### Foundation

A market stall will be manned by the Club on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October to mark World Polio Day. Rtn Webb will attend with a street organ. It is hoped that the Bell ringers of St Mary's Church will ring a Quarter Peal in support. Also the Cherwell Club has requested assistance with their Castle Quay Crocus Giveaway Event on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

#### International Committee

A fundraising meal with raffle and speaker Rtn McHugh is being arranged to raise money for Unique Home Jaladhar. This charity educates and cares for abandoned girls. The original date of 18<sup>th</sup> October has been postponed until early December.

### Honorary Secretary's report

- Papers for the SGM for nominations for Officers and our accounts are due by 18<sup>th</sup> October. Hon Sec will carry out voting by e-mail following 4<sup>th</sup> November deadline.
- Proposals for District committee positions for 2017/18 are to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- District Council Officers normally have had to be Presidents of their Club but the District Governor can now use his discretion on appointees.
- Reminder of District Conference 24 March 2017.
- Yorkshire Tea is continuing the barcode promotion for supplying wheelchairs. Rtn Humphris to be approached to continue this project.

### Report of the Honorary Treasurer

- Club Accounts are to be submitted to adjudicators.
- Free funds now stand at £1,795.
- Reminder that 10% of any fundraising events to go to Free Funds.
- 2015/6 accounts to be prepared by Ian Parker.

### Funding Requests

- Funding costs of £3,500 for Young Musician were sought. This will be self-funding when donations are received.
- £150 to Spurgeons.
- International Committee Meal - no cost to Club.
- Crocus Concerts £1,990 set-up costs

### Items for Information or discussion

- Allocation of tables for Friday Lunch meetings was discussed at length. The consensus was that fellowship and friendships would be enhanced if seating positions were varied week by week and therefore the cash desk would trial

allocation of places to members on payment for lunch (as per previous numbered balls in bag system).

- Global Grants are changing to make the funding of projects easier. Club contribution will be minimum \$6,000 and District contribution increased to \$13,000.
- Communication from Council to Club. Rtn Barnett has raised concerns regarding lack of clarity in these communications; there was general agreement on this issue. In conclusion it is proposed that the Hon Assistant Secretary will send draft minutes to Rtn Riches as soon as possible following the Council Meeting so he can liaise with the editor of the Bulletin.
- Fundraising Event for victims of the Italian Earthquake. The President reported he is in the process of organizing this event. A wine/food tasting evening with Italian theme at Banbury Cricket Club, date to be arranged with Rtn Phillips.

### *Purple4Polio Update*



### Latest News on Banbury and Cherwell Clubs' Response to Purple4Polio

- John Bennett has managed to acquire a market stall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for us to raise awareness of World Polio Day, which falls on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We shall give away small packs of corms and badges. John Webb will attract Banburians with his street organ. It is hoped the Bells of St Mary's will ring a Quarter Peal.
- Brian Collins and Tim Green from CDC met with John Bennett, Harry and Fred at Bodicote House on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September to run through plans for planting at Spiceball Park. We shall be contacting

North Oxfordshire Academy to check the best date for them in the first week after half term before contacting other schools about helping a group of Rotarians plant the 20,000 corms sponsored by CDC for the Banbury area.

- We have received ten positive replies to our offer to primary schools to plant crocus packs - repeating last year's project - to be led once again by Ron Barnett.
- The media release that led to the Cake and Guardian articles in mid-September is hopefully printed here in the bulletin for members to peruse.
- The invitation letter to secondary schools - sent back in June and followed up in September - has resulted in all eight schools taking part in the project - planting 500 corms on each site - and we have seven schools (awaiting the 8<sup>th</sup>) so far booked in for the March Crocus Concerts, probably to be held at St Mary's on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Liz Yardley, District 1090 Website and Magazine organiser, joined us for the photoshoot in early September, when John Bennett had less than 24 hours' notice of the arrival of 85,000 corms, including 20,000 Bicester corms and 20,000 for the Kidlington & Woodstock Club.
- Jennette Bradbury, Purple4Polio Contact at Banbury Cherwell Club, joined John, Ron, Harry and Fed for a joint planning meeting last week, just before John went in for his knee op! We wish him a speedy recovery! The Cherwell Club is joining in with Ron's Primary Schools Project, and is also starting distribution of its 5,000 corms with purple mini-packs for the public in Castle Quay on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- We are extremely grateful to Brian Collins and to CDC and to Samantha Farrow and Banbury Town Council for their tremendous support for our local response to this year's Rotary Foundation Centenary Purple4PolioProject. We hope that CDC

and Banbury Town Council officers and Councillors will be able to attend a planting session and one of the concerts.

*And now for something enlightening*



The President hard at work - socialising.



A stand in Sargent at Arms going quietly about his work (did the first vice regret handing over the reins?).



Best of all - welcome back Tony.



## *Weekly Meeting Duties for October 2016*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&amp;H in charge</u>
07-Oct	A. Warren E. Watson P. Wilkins A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall N. Yeadon	J. Webb P. Williams	E. Woodruff	S. Crump
14-Oct	M. Budd B. Cornley N. Deakin S. Dhesi B. Doe M. Douglas	I. Calderbank J. Donaldson	T. Iles	M. Humphris
21-Oct	A. Fairbairn B. Goodchild N. Halfpenny J. Hansford C. Hughes K. Manning	P. Gardiner G. Jeremy	H. Matthews	A. Ilott
28-Oct	A. McHugh R. McLean J. Meredith M. Nutt M. Phillips G. Pollard	H. Morris R. Nurden	N. Randall	R. Kipping

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

## *Speaker Programme for October & November*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
7 Oct	Rtn. Simon Porter	My Life/My Talk	John Smith
14 Oct	Martyn Amsel	Implants/Dynamic Dentistry	Peter Wilkins
21 Oct	Ms Bishop	Our Work with Young Carers	John Webb
28 Oct	Georgia Geary	The Mill Arts Centre. Raising the bar for arts in the community	Fred Riches
4 Nov	Rtn Charles Hughes	My Life/My Talk	Bernard Goodchild
11 Nov	Roberto Di Matteo	40 years of working in the Licenced Trade	John Phillips
18 Nov		Rotary Special General Meeting	
25 Nov		Fellowship Meeting	