



The November Diary

- 2nd Community & Vocational Committee
- 2nd Classification & Membership Committee
- 4th Rotary Meeting
- 7th Children singing for Children
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President Owen's October round up

I cannot believe we are in October already - the Rotary year seems to be flying by and we are already in the run up to our extremely busy period leading up to Christmas!

I have been made welcome at a couple of Committee meetings this month having attended both the Youth Services and Foundation meetings. There is a lot going on in Club and I am very grateful that it seems to proceed so smoothly and efficiently in the hands of the various committees. I hope to make it around to visit the other committees over the forthcoming months.

I had the sad duty on 13th October of attending on behalf of Club to say our farewells to Di Cavill. It was a beautiful celebration of Di and Phil's life together and it was a comfort I am sure to Phil that so many of you turned out to support him. He did terrifically well on what was visibly a very difficult day for him.

Friday 28th saw our normal Club meeting, but it was a great pleasure to welcome back John Bennett after his knee reconstruction - great to see him back with us!

Looking forwards we have what is traditionally the busiest part of our year as we come into autumn proper with Children Singing for Children, Purple4Polio crocus planting and before you know it the Street Organ collections, Santa's Float etc etc etc. If I could leave you with my encouragement to everyone who can to put themselves down on the various rotas which will soon be doing the rounds because as they say "many hands make light work....."

President Owen Kyffin

Events

Canal Day



The usual suspects had agreed to man a stall at Canal Day again this year and managed to creep round many club members to assist with getting the gazebo from the storage facility and erecting it alongside the canal in the town centre really early in the morning, as well as showing up during the day to assist on the stall.

We never envisage this as a money making exercise, but rather something for the children to do as well as the members being able to talk to their parents and the general public regarding the club and what we are about.

John Webb had made a new Roll-A-Ball game which was presented for the first time at the show and proved popular with all classes of participants. Helen and Pat ran the Junior Tombola stall again this year with a prize every time for the ones unlucky enough not to draw a winning ticket. We were visited by the Mayor and his attendant, and we were able to talk to a Rotarian who has just moved to Banbury and now attends our club to see if he likes us, so all together a win-win situation for the day, and we had Alison with us to add glamour to the occasion and Bob Nurden too, but he didn't add any glamour as he is a bit past it. [Ed - Bob, a right of reply has been reserved for you in the December edition].

I know this bulletin gets read by others outside the club and I would suggest to all Rotarians that not every activity has to be a money making exercise, and if you get out among the people it is amazing

what membership opportunities present themselves! As it was we made £126-00 without really trying so it's all to play for when you get out there. Banbury is expanding, and we all believe that good Rotarians can be found amongst the incoming population, but they don't know what we are about unless we tell them.

At the other end of the day Rotarians turned up to dismantle the gazebo and pack everything away so a big THANK YOU to all helpers as well as those who manned the stall and made this a nice day out with the public.

John Webb

Crocus Collection



World Polio Day was Monday 24th October 2016. In advance of this the Rotary Club of Banbury ran a stall raising awareness of Polio Eradication in Banbury Market Square.

Congratulations to the team on the Polio Eradication Market Stall on Saturday (22nd). They gave away 261 of the 300 minipacks of crocus corms prepared by Harry Matthews for Banburians to plant as an awareness-raising exercise. They also took £242.16 in donations which, when trebled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is enough to immunise around 2000 children! Many thanks to Harry and the rota of helpers.

This year the date marked a huge drop in the number of people contracting the virus, with only 27 cases left in the world. Yes - 27.

Four of those cases are in Nigeria, 15 are in Pakistan and eight are in Afghanistan, according to the World Health Organisation, with countries

where polio was previously endemic - such as India - reporting no cases at all.

That is an impressive 42% drop from last year's 51 cases, leading to campaigners declaring the world 99% polio free with hopes to declare the world 100% polio free by 2019.

To put that into perspective - this would be only the second disease after smallpox to be eradicated from the world. A massive step from the more than 350,000 cases of polio 28 years ago in 1988.

ShelterBox

Thanks to John Webb a presentation was given to Freeland Cub Group with very positive feedback from both cubs and their parents. The tent was erected, the gear put on display and there was plenty of keen discussion with the cubs. In particular the parents appreciated the link between fundraising and the impact on a real life disaster. However a donation received was raised by the cubs themselves without help from their leaders. This was topped up by the Club to £590 and sent to ShelterBox in response to the Haiti Disaster Appeal.

It is noticeable that some of the tent poles are now somewhat the worse for wear having been used on multiple occasions and replacements will be needed from ShelterBox. A testament to the Club's activities.

The Brodey Bursary – 2016 Recipients

Dear Mr Brodey

I'm writing to let you know that I'm looking forward to starting my second year at the University of Bath.

Thank you for sending the 3rd cheque from the Rotary Club Bursary. It has already been used to pay for the upcoming Geology and Surveying field work trips to Pembrokeshire in Wales. Here we will be completing group beach surveys which will be marked towards our degree. This is hoped to help our understanding of the difficulties of building along the coast with a constantly changing beach profile.

This summer I gained valuable work experience for a month at a local structural engineering consultancy firm - OMK. This was very interesting to be involved in real life building projects and to see how the theory I've learnt is applied in their own calculations. Shortly I will be applying for placements for my third year, and I am pleased to

have achieved a first at the end of my first year which will help with my applications.

If you would still like me to visit a Rotary lunch I'd be happy to. It would be helpful if you could suggest some dates. However as I'm going back to university now it might only be possible to do this over the Christmas holidays.

Yours sincerely

Gemma Rave Jones

Dear Mr Brodey

Thank you very much for the Brodey Bursary, I really appreciate your support and am excited to start my course. Please pass on my thanks to everyone involved at Norbar and the Rotary Club of Banbury.

Best wishes

Octavia

Guests



ADG Rtn. Dorothy Cantrell (Banbury Cherwell) with Rtn. David Richardson (formerly of the Rotary Clubs of Beccles [Suffolk], Marlborough [twice] and Grand Cayman [Caribbean]). David is planning to transfer to the Banbury Club (if we behave).

Speaker Reports

Simon Porter – My Life/My Talk

Simon is a "Midlander", born in Leicester. His parents were both teachers and they had the good sense to move to north of Manchester, where most sensible people are brought up. He spent many of his formative years in Penrith on the edge of the

Lake District before the family finally moved to Thame.

He had a variety of jobs including working in an antiques shop specialising in clocks before training in catering in Blackpool. One of his better looking contemporaries at college was an attractive lass who later became Gill Smith!!

Subsequently Simon found himself working for an up and coming French chef called Raymond Blanc. He has worked in and managed a variety of hotels, resorts and casinos and in the latter witnessed the “best” and “worst” of people, including Kerry Packer whose gambling losses amounted to 3 million pounds in a three day spree.

One of the highlights was owning the first “Dinner boat” on the Thames where he had a scrape with the authorities for illuminating the terrace of the Houses of Parliament with his searchlights as he sailed past. This was considered a gross invasion of the members’ privacy.

Eventually Simon became involved in buying and selling hotels and still runs his own company in the business.

How often we Rotarians comment that our own members are invariably the most interesting and informative speakers. Once again, Simon proved the truth of this.

Ian Rodrick

Martyn Amsell – Dynamic Dentistry



“Implants for you” was the title for our presentation on 14th October delivered by Martyn Amsell. He started with a brief summary of his 40 years plus career based here in Banbury. Though recently retired, he continues his interest in Dentistry still lecturing and running his courses on

good posture and instrument exchange for all the dental team.

Martyn showed us the structure of a normal tooth and compared this with the component parts of an implant. The natural root is replaced with a titanium implant, which is connected to a laboratory made crown by an abutment incorporating a screw or rod, to hold the complete structure in place. We then considered the question “Why do we have teeth”. The obvious answers for eating, speech, digestion were debated but interesting concerns of patients with regard to appearance and reducing the signs of ageing were expanded on by Martyn. The improvement of a patient’s smile can greatly raise confidence and self-esteem, whilst the loss of several teeth can “age” them prematurely. We need our teeth to maintain the health of our jaw joints and keep good function. There are many causes of tooth loss including decay, gum disease, trauma, genetics and medical conditions.

“Does it matter if we lose our teeth”? People can survive with no teeth and in more primitive societies this not appear to give many problems however in more advanced groups it is usually unacceptable to live with the appearance of none or few teeth. Also teeth can move in the bone to try to fill any spaces leading to disrupted bite and increased risk of decay and gum disease. Replacing teeth can be achieved by implants, bridges or dentures.

Professor Branemark in Sweden was the father of the production and use of implants in dentistry and orthopaedics. He discovered in 1951 during experiments using titanium screws on rabbit legs that bone fused with this metal gives a very strong permanent bond leading to the development of present day dental implants. Martyn then led us gently through the clinical procedures necessary and illustrated the end results with some great slides of happy smiling faces. Many thanks to Martyn for his most interesting and interactive presentation.

Peter Wilkins

John Webb – Antarctic Adventure

The speaker on 21st October was our fellow Rotarian John Webb and his subject was the Antarctic Adventure he undertook with his wife last November/December.



The expedition started in Buenos Aires after a very long flight from the UK. A day was spent here which included a city tour which, as well as the usual sightseeing, also took in a large cemetery where the mausoleum of the “Family Duarte” was situated. This is a place of pilgrimage to many Argentines as it is the burial place of Eva Peron, although this is disputed in some quarters. An overnight stay in a pleasant hotel was followed by a three hour plane ride to Ushuaia which is at the southernmost tip of Argentina where, after a trip to the Tierra-del-Fuego forest (not much to see and not recommended), they boarded the Hutigruten boat Fram for a three week expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula.

After a trip down the River Plate, where we had a bit of a tussle with the German destroyer Graf Spee whose captain in WW2 decided it was best to scuttle the boat rather than fight our navy the boat, they turned north east to the Falkland Islands.

After two days at sea they came to West Point, the most westerly of the Falklands and had a landing to see thousands of gulls nesting. At all these shore visits after they had slogged away walking over rough grassland there was complementary tea and cakes which were much appreciated. Here they also saw their first Penguins which were quite small and called Rockhoppers. They both loved this sighting, but after three weeks and thousands of penguins of many different types they didn't want to see another one for at least six months. Then it was on to Stanley where they visited the Governor's residence and saw the memorial to the troops who took back the Falkland Islands from the Argentines in 1982. They also saw the recently erected bust of Margaret Thatcher which is close by the memorial with its impressive plaque stating

“THEY ARE FEW IN NUMBER BUT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE, TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE AND TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN ALLEGIANCE”.

Then it was on to South Georgia where Shackleton is buried, and they visited his grave and also saw the damage that the whaling industry did to the islands as they set up their processing plants after the convention banning whale processing at sea.

On they went to the Antarctic Peninsula discovering more islands and visiting many settlements including an Argentinean weather research station which had not been resupplied since last June just before winter set in. The cook on the Fram gave them eggs, fresh vegetables, and fresh fruit and they were very grateful for the gesture and rewarded the visitors with very strong coffee and biscuits.

Throughout the expedition they had experts on board who lectured them in many subjects and they became quite knowledgeable about Tectonic Plates, Global Warming, Glaciers and Icebergs.

They saw Whales feeding on Krill, sea birds hunting and diving for food, baby Penguins and grown penguins, thousands of them! Seals with young, and all sizes of different species of them from baby Fur Seals to Elephant Seals that you don't mess with.

Meal times were massive with three courses each time and every evening John tried the “ice cream of the day” as well as the variety of sweets on offer. On Joy's birthday a special cake was made for her and the Filipino crew sang Happy Birthday as well as accompanying themselves on various instruments. All together a very enjoyable and memorable holiday, but one which lightens the pocket considerably.

Ron Barnett

Georgia Geary – The Mill Arts Centre. Raising the bar for arts in the community.

We were delighted to welcome Georgia Geary, the Director of the Mill Arts Centre, as our speaker. Georgia explained to us both the challenges that the Mill has and continues to face, along with the exciting plans for its future, including a role as the new home of the Creation Theatre Company and an increasing focus on providing access to dance locally. It is critical that Banbury continues to

enjoy a facility that gives our residents access to both watch and participate in performing arts of all varieties on our doorstep, so we wish Georgia and her team all the very best for the future!



[Ed - Rtn. Gareth Jeremy has volunteered to show Georgia architectural drawings prepared for a new theatre on the site of the old Spiceball Leisure Centre.]

Fred Riches

Around the Committees

Notes from Council

Community & Vocational reported a very successful Canal Day with £136.03 raised. New board game and Tombola were very popular and Rotary's profile was enhanced. Christmas Collections: Sainsbury's is very supportive with definite dates 18th/24th December booked for Street Organ. Awaiting response from Tesco. The Food parcel collection at Sainsbury's is set for 10th December 2016.

Foundation: Frugal lunch booked for 27th Jan 2017. Rtn Stephen Jakeman to liaise with caterers. "Purple for Polio" Concert booked for 7 & 9 March 2017. World Polio Day was marked by a stall in the Market Place on 22nd October. 261 bags of Crocuses were donated to members of the public. £242 was raised. Rtn Harry Matthews and his helpers were commended for their hard work. Rtn John Webb played his Street Organ. Crocus badges to be sold at participating Primary Schools. Future projects to include a Barn Dance & visit to a West End Show.

International: Christmas Meal booked for 13th December 2016. Speaker Rtn Andrew McHugh. Proposal to arrange at a suitable venue a presentation "The History of England 1970-2000 - a Policeman's view" by Sir Charles Pollard QPM - Former Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police. Rtn Andrew McHugh to take lead. Film Nights may no longer be possible due to changes at West Bar Surgery.

Youth: Geoff gave a summary of the committee's most recent report. CSFC preparations going well. Plans for Young Musician under way. No problems.

Honorary Assistant Secretary's report: an electronic voting mandate had been received for RIBI President 2019/2020 - Hon Sec will carry out voting by e-mail before 4th November deadline. This matter to be discussed at Lunch Meeting on the 28th October to determine our decision. Arrangements for the SGM are in hand.

Report of the Honorary Treasurer - Rtn. David Hitchcox. Club Accounts have been agreed by independent examiners, Rtns Geoff Pollard & Graham Anker. Free funds now stand at £2,742.00. 2015/16 accounts to be prepared by Ian Parker of Whitley Stimpson - Draft for SGM. Proposal to close Trust Account at Leeds Building Society and transfer funds to Virgin account due to reduction of interest rate paid - accepted unanimously.

Funding Requests

Rtn John Webb addressed Council regarding the funding of Spurgeons by Oxfordshire County Council coming to an end in March 2017. Speaker on 21st October withdrew at short notice due to this problem. £129 directly raised for Spurgeons at Canal Day and Sportif provided £150 to Club which had decided to pass this amount to this charity. After considerable debate it was concluded the £129 directly raised in the name of the Charity must be paid, with the second sum of £150 recommended by Council to be donated only if guaranteed it would be used to benefit the Young Carers in Banbury. Alternatively Club could use the monies to organise an event (eg Christmas party) to benefit the Young Carers. Rtn John Webb to progress the issue.

Items for Information or discussion

President had attended Canal Day and represented Club at the funeral of Diana Cavill.

Rtn Ian Calderbank had attended celebrations for Inner Wheel's 70th Anniversary.



Congratulations to all the ladies, past and present.

A discussion continued on the recent suggestion re president's expenses and/or honorarium. Council decided to set up a sub-committee to investigate this matter and report back to Council in early 2017. Suggested members for this committee were four past presidents - Rtns David Hitchcox, Ian Rodrick, Ian Calderbank and Maurice Humphris - & President Owen.

Rtn Harry Matthews' offer to collate location of Club's Items was welcomed. It was decided to invite him to attend the next Council Meeting on 24th November to discuss this matter fully.

Membership joint Event with Rotary Club of Bicester: Information passed to Membership Committee. Rtn Simon Porter & the President hoping to attend.

Ensuring Consent for photographing members and guests: Using Facebook and other forms of media necessitates the consent of all those involved to ensure we have their permission to publish any items. Rtn Ian Calderbank to write to Rtns Nigel Halfpenny & Helen Morris to recommend that communications with Speakers or Guests include requests for their consent.

Purple4Polio – This month's Update

On Saturday, 22nd October the Rotary Club of Banbury offered free crocus corms to the public, when Harry Matthews and a rota of members ran a stall on Banbury Market to encourage the public to join together in the final push to eradicate polio worldwide. Rotarian John Webb entertained the

public with his street organ for most of the day and St Mary's Church Bell Ringers supported the event with a Quarter Peal at 11am to celebrate how close the world is to ending this disease. Over 2,600 corms were given away (261 of 300 packs personally wrapped by HM) and £242.16 was taken for the End Polio cause. Rtns Kipping and Humphris were mentioned in dispatches for their commitment to the cause and notable ability to engage passers-by in discovering more about the campaign.

On Monday 31st October residents at Sanctuary Housing's Levenot Close Common Room in Grimsbury will start our planting process for this year during their Halloween Party - being organised by Comm & Voc stalwarts John Webb and Helen Braisby.

On Tuesday 1st at 1pm Rtns Matthews and Riches will give a talk at the Multicultural Sunrise Centre and assist the ladies attending plant up pots of corms.

On Thursday 3rd November at 1.30pm our first major planting will take place at Spiceball Car Park. Students from North Oxfordshire Academy Horticultural Club, assisted by a small group of Rotarians, will plant 20,000 corms! It is hoped a photoshoot with CDC & Town Councillors in attendance can be arranged.

A further 10,000 corms donated by Banbury Town Council are to be planted near the Spiceball Park Children's Play Area on a date to be fixed.

On Thursday 17th at the Sunrise Centre on Bretch Hill, Rotarians will assist parents and tots planting corms in pots.

500 crocus corms will be taken to each local secondary school and special planting packs to ten local primary schools to raise awareness. Dates to be confirmed. Pairs of Rotarians organising school visits on rotas organised by Ron (Primary) and Harry (Secondary).

20% of the proceeds from this autumn's "Children Singing for Children" Concerts at St Mary's Church Banbury from November 7th to 10th will also go to the End Polio Campaign. A record 28 primary schools are taking part in this, the 15th annual series of concerts.

Remaining corms donated by Whitley Stimpson and our Club will be shared among Sanctuary Housing Residents and Primary Schools.

Two fundraising “Purple4Polio Crocus Concerts” will be held at St Mary’s Church Banbury when the crocus plants bloom in early spring.

- Tuesday 7th March (Bloxham, BGN, Chenderit and Tudor Hall).
- Thursday 9th March (Banbury (North Oxfordshire Academy, Sibford and The Warriner).

Tickets for both concerts are £5 and will be available in February 2017.

Many thanks to Long John Bennett for spending his recuperation period after knee surgery on the phone and e-mail sorting planting dates and venues. Also to Harry, who is about to undergo hospital treatment for a double hernia. The Club owes Hopalong John and Poparound Harry a debt of gratitude!

Ron Barnett & Fred Riches

Tour de Trigs

This year’s 50 mile orienteering challenge will be held over the weekend of 3rd and 4th December. Nig Randall is organising the checkpoint to be run by our Club. Anyone wishing to help please contact Nig. Always an enjoyable (and different) community event with competitors very grateful for the support from friendly faces at each check point.

Christmas Card Donations

For the sake of newer members, and a reminder to everyone else, it is worth looking back into Rotary history.

Some years ago, one of our senior members (I have the feeling that it was the late Joe McGloin) had the good sense to stand up in Club and announce that he wouldn’t be spending money on the pointless ritual of distributing cards to other Club members, but instead he would be making a donation of the money that he would have spent on this to a charity nominated by the President.

This was well received by members who applauded his good sense and ever since we have had a

collection of “Christmas Card” money, which can be gift aided, for the benefit of Rotary Foundation.

It usually generates a useful sum of money, and the names of the contributors, with an appropriate greeting, are published in the December bulletin, thus precluding the need for cards

I will be making an announcement at Club lunch soon and inviting your participation.

Ian Rodrick

International Committee

Prospect School, Gambia

Great news for this school, its current and future staff and students. It now has convenient access to clean water courtesy of a new borehole, the cost of which has been provided by the Rotary Clubs of Tonbridge and Banbury with the construction and payments supervised by the Rotary Club of Banjul.

Surplus funds are available to be put towards other sustainable projects to help with education, sanitation or the provision of clean water in Gambia or Sierra Leone.



Weekly Meeting Duties for November 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
04-Nov	S. Porter N. Randall P. Richardson I. Rodrick J. Smith P. Thomas	F. Riches P. Shea	S. Maxwell	A. Wiltshire
11-Nov	A. Warren J. Webb P. Wilkins A. Wolstencroft P. Williams R. Worrall	R. Thompson E. Woodruff	E. Watson	S. Crump
18-Nov	N. Yeadon I. Anthistle A. Bedding S. Bion J. Brodey T. Bryce	G. Anker R. Barnett	J. Bennett	M. Humphris
25-Nov	M. Budd I. Calderbank P. Cavill N. Deakin M. Douglas S. Dhesi	H. Braisby A. Fairbairn	B. Cornley	A. Ilott

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 November & December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
4 Nov	Peter Barwell	Who is Peter Barwell from No 108?	Nigel Halfpenny
11 Nov	Alan Wolstencroft	Sierra Leone Update	Harry Matthews
18 Nov		Rotary Special General Meeting	
25 Nov		Fellowship Meeting	
2 Dec	Annie Roy-Barker	District Community and Vocational Service	Simon Bion
9 Dec	Keith Gadsby	Katharine House	Roger Worrall
16 Dec	Nick Irvine	School Leaver Aged 64 and a half	Nigel Halfpenny
23 Dec	Bishop James Johnson	Christmas Lunch	President Owen Kyffin
30 Dec		No meeting	