



## The February Diary

1<sup>st</sup> Community & Vocational  
Committee

Classification &  
Membership Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Rotary Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> Contact Trip meeting for  
Biella visit

8<sup>th</sup> Foundation Committee

10<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> Youth Services Committee  
International Committee

17<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> Sport & Entertainment  
Committee

Bread and Cheese Buffet  
Supper – Living in  
Antarctica

22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> Young Musician Finals

27<sup>th</sup> Theatre Trip

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## President Owen's January round up

January has been a relatively light month in terms of Rotary duties for me, which is fortunate given it is my busiest month at work, but we have survived and I now enter a period of relative calm!

Our first meeting back on 6<sup>th</sup> January was a fellowship meeting which everyone enjoyed and it was good to see people taking the opportunity presented by not having a speaker to stay after the brief business conducted to socialise, chat and have fun with their fellow members. Any feedback on the room layout and format of fellowship meetings is, of course, warmly welcomed.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Greg Smith as our speaker and he spoke to us on Victim initiated restorative justice hosted by Rtn. Nigel Randall.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> also saw the heats for the Young Musician at Tudor Hall School ably, as ever, run by Rtn. Gareth Jeremy and his team. I attended on the Saturday and as ever the standard of musicianship looks very exciting. We have the finals day coming up on 25<sup>th</sup> February and no doubt Gareth will be needing support from the Club on the day. Please do volunteer as there is a huge amount of work involved and Gareth's requirement for support for Club is modest so please help if you can. Also if you haven't been involved before I would urge to you try it, it's a fantastic event!

I was delighted to attend the Young Chef competition on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, as ever superbly organised by Rtn. Bernard Goodchild and his team.

Many thanks to all the members who turned out to both give moral support and keep the expectant and nervous parents company. Thanks also to the Banbury & Bicester College for hosting the event and in particular Peter Harvey, Faculty Manager, Life Style at the college.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at Club we welcomed Martin Phillips as our speaker. Even having known Martin for 25 years now I learned new things about him (and indeed about the world of metal casting) and I remain convinced our speakers from within club remain some of our most fascinating!

Club meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> was a very special one as we celebrated a “frugal lunch” in honour of the anniversary of the death of Rtn. Paul Harris who founded Rotary in Chicago in 1905. The surplus from the frugal lunch will be donated to Rotary's own charity, Foundation, and appropriately our speaker was Rtn. Judith Diment who sits on the International PolioPlus Committee and who spoke to us about Polio eradication. It was also busy in terms of guests with Rtn. Helen Morris bringing her step-grandson Joe Morris and Rtn Phil Cavill bringing two guests Kathy Cavill his daughter, visiting from Australia and John Groves a very welcome return visitor to Club.

Well that just about wraps up January, but we have plenty to look forwards to in February including:

- an information evening on Club Contact visit to Biella on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February;
- an International Committee meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> with Alan Carroll speaking to us about his experiences in Antarctica;
- the Young Musicians finals Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February; and
- a Sports and Entertainment committee theatre trip on 27<sup>th</sup> February

President Owen Kyffin

## *Speaker Reports*

### *Greg Smith – Victim Initiative Restorative Justice*

Victims of crime can be left feeling frightened, anxious or suffer a loss of confidence. It is good to know that the police have taken action and that the perpetrator has received a suitable sentence through the magistrate or higher court, but sometimes this just isn't enough. A voice at the

centre of things, the ability to ask questions, not feeling like an observer have all helped victims to feel better and to move on. The Restorative Justice Service can help you know that the person who committed a crime against you understands how it has affected you.



Restorative Justice (RJ) is funded by the Police Crime Commissioner to deliver victim initiated restorative justice in Thames Valley. They work closely with police and victim support to identify victims of crime, but are not reaching enough people. The take up rate for RJ is fairly low, but the England Wales Crime Survey and a recent Mori poll suggests that this is because victims of crime don't know about RJ, but would use it if they did. The RJ Service is therefore looking for new ways to contact people directly and generally raise awareness, and Greg used this opportunity to spread the word through Rotary members.

Restorative Justice (RJ) aims to bring those harmed by crime, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident - victim, offender, their family or friends, and the wider community - to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward. For victims, their harm or loss can be acknowledged, their questions answered and some amends made if that is what they wish. Offenders have the opportunity to take responsibility, acknowledge the impact of their actions and to make reparation. There is a very high satisfaction rate for victims going through this process and a marked reduction in reoffending for the perpetrators.

Do get in touch with Thames Valley Restorative Justice if the moment is right for you: restorative justice could be the key to help you move on. A trained facilitator will explore the options, guided

by your needs and wishes. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch. All information shared will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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Rtn. Nigel Randall

*Martin Phillips – Longer Serving Member*



Martin Phillips has been in Rotary for 25 years and has thoroughly enjoyed it having followed in his father's footsteps.

He took us through his life story in his usual humorous vein. He described his two grandfathers, one in industry in the Birmingham area and the other in farming in the West Country. His paternal grandfather led to his father starting Swan Foundry which of course Martin runs today.

Martin's early education at Sibford School was not a huge academic success but he subsequently attended a college to obtain his foundry qualifications. He worked for his father before eventually taking over the running of the business and he now has two sons working for him.

He was an enthusiastic member of Rotaract and made many friends through this organisation including Annie his wife. His social life, apart from Rotaract and Rotary, has been very much tied up in sport playing cricket for Banbury and rugby also for Banbury. He continues to be active for the cricket club as chairman for a number of years.

Martin went on to describe some of the castings Swan Foundry make and he brought some samples. He told us how they tended to make specialised

castings in relatively small quantities rather than mass production which many businesses make for themselves. Swan is one of very few iron foundries which have survived various business downturns.

In reply to a question about Brexit he said that the drop in the value of sterling had given some of his customers a boost as their products were cheaper to export hence his business had been better.

Rtn. John Phillips

*Judith Diment – End Polio Now Update*

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January was the anniversary of the death of our founder Paul Harris, and as we have done for many years, we held our annual frugal lunch whereby all members who attended made a £6 gift aided donation to Foundation.

This year's event was made exceptionally special by us having the great pleasure and privilege of having Judith Diment as our guest speaker. Judith is heavily involved in the End Polio Now campaign on an international level.



Judith refreshed our minds on the origins of, and progress achieved by, the campaign over the past 30 years. She reminded us that 30 years ago, polio was endemic in most of the world, and paralyzed more than 1,000 children worldwide every day, or about 350,000 children a year, and that since then, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio thanks to the incredible work of Rotary and all its partners. The effort has spanned more than 200 countries, relying on 20 million volunteers and the backing of an international investment of more than \$11 billion of which Rotary is the main private sector donor having contributed more than \$ 1.6 billion.



We have reduced polio cases worldwide by 99.9%, and a polio-free world is in sight, with only two polio-endemic countries remaining. Polio is now on the brink of eradication, with a total of 32 wild polio cases reported in 2016, compared with 56 in 2015.

She also gave us the excellent news that in the 12 weeks prior to the meeting there had been no new cases of Polio reported worldwide.

Judith gave us a fascinating insight into the work being carried out by the international eradication team, of which Rotary is a major player, and emphasised that whilst the end may be in sight:

- Now is not the time to talk about polio fatigue;
- Now is not the time to stop fund raising; and
- Now we need to stay the course and continue to do all that we can to ensure that we declare victory and celebrate zero cases of polio.

End polio - make history and honour Rotary's promise to the children of the world.

Rtn. Ron Barnett

## *Around the Committees*

### *Foundation*

A letter below from, Zali, a Rotary Scholar kindly hosted by Rtn. Martin Phillips and his wife, Annie. Zali was last year's scholar that Banbury hosted, she was sponsored from the Sydney Australia district and was studying at Green Templeton College. Her degree was in water management, how national government policy is set, and how countries around the world should work with each other.

*Dear Martin and Annie,*

*Happy belated new year! I hope you are both well and apologies for not writing for so long. I have been very busy over the past few months.*

*A short update of the last few months: after leaving the UK, I spent a few weeks with my parents in Byron Bay area and with friends in Sydney before setting off for Santiago, Chile. I completed my two month research internship there, which was both enjoyable and challenging particularly due to the long working hours and*

*language barrier. Upon completion, I went to Patagonia and spent six weeks hiking. I even completed the 130km O trek in Torres del Paine with my food, tent and all my equipment over 8 days - Annie, now I finally know what it feels like to walk 100 miles! I was also fortunate to travel to Argentinian Patagonia, Buenos Aires and Uruguay.*

*I arrived back to Australia yesterday, and I am delighted to be starting a new job as a Policy Officer with the Office of Environment and Heritage NSW in mid-February.*

*How are you both and what have you got planned for 2017? I am still trying to arrange to return to Oxford for my graduation this year, but they have been pathetic at replying so far. Let me know if you have any plans for coming to Australia.*

*And last but not least, thank you for everything that you did for me through my year at Oxford. I just completed the Rotary Final Report and it gave me time to reflect on the year, and how fortunate I was to always have you both there if I ever needed help, from providing me with a good meal during times of intense study and stress to offering me a place to be over Christmas.*

*Best,*

*Zali Fung*

[Ed - see flyer on page 6 for a social and informative evening event with presentations by Rotary International Scholars].

### *Brodey Bursary*

A letter below from a student who has received financial support from the Brodey Bursary fund.

*Dear Mr Brodey*

*Thank you very much for the Brodey bursary. I am really enjoying my engineering course at the University of Southampton. I thought you would like to know that I have put the bursary money towards a surface pro tablet which is portable enough so that I can take it to university to assist me with my studies.*

*Once again, many thanks to the Rotary Club of Banbury for the bursary.*

*Yours sincerely*

*James Gregory*

## *Weekly Meeting Duties for February 2017*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&amp;H in charge</u>
03-Feb	A. Fairbairn P. Gardiner B. Goodchild J. Hansford C. Hughes G. Jeremy	N. Halfpenny T. Iles	S. Maxwell	A. Ilott
10-Feb	K. Manning H. Matthews A. McHugh H. Morris M. Nutt M. Phillips	R. McLean J. Meredith	R. Nurden	R. Kipping
17-Feb	G. Pollard N. Randall I. Rodrick P. Shea J. Smith P. Thomas	S. Porter P. Richardson	F. Riches	P. Sullivan
24-Feb	R. Thompson A. Warren E. Watson J. Webb P. Wilkins A. Wolstencroft	E. Woodruff R. Worrall	P. Williams	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 February & March*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
3 Feb	Chris Mason	Swift News	Owen Kyffin
10 Feb	Victoria Prentice	Impressions as a new MP	Andrew McHugh
17 Feb	Michelle Millller	Preventing Crime	
24 Feb	Nick Irvine	School leaver aged 64 and a half	Nigel Halfpenny
3 Mar	Dawn Gascoigne	Travel the World	Ian Rodrick
10 Mar	Joan Greening	Shakespeare Schools Festival District Conference Bournemouth	Ian Calderbank
17 Mar	Rtn. Jonathan Meredith	Longer Serving Member	Nigel Yeadon
24 Mar		Fellowship Meeting	
31 Mar 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Peter Bussey	God Particle	Fred Riches

Presents  
an  
Evening with Rotary International Scholars



at  
Banbury Cricket Club  
on  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
at  
7.30pm

Our speakers will be

**Vanessa Picker**

Sponsored by District 9675 in Australia. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Banbury  
Studying at the University of Oxford & Kellogg College Dept. of Social Policy and Intervention  
MSc in Evidence Based Social Intervention & Policy Evaluation

**Kate Kelly**

Sponsored by District 9920 in New Zealand Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bicester  
Studying at the University of Oxford & St Hugh's College Dept. of Medical Sciences  
MSc in Clinical Embryology.

**Ginger Cline**

Sponsored by District 7980 in the USA Hosted by the Rotary Club of Witney  
Studying at the University of Oxford & Green Templeton College Centre for Refugee Studies  
MSc in Refugee & Forced Migration Studies

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine and Bread and Cheese.

Available from Martin Phillips (e-mail [Martin.Phillips@swangroup.co.uk](mailto:Martin.Phillips@swangroup.co.uk)). All proceeds to go to  
Rotary Foundation