



The August Diary

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President's Pen for July

I officially took over as President on July 1st and my first duty was, along with 5 other members, helping marshal the Armed Forces Day Parade around the town - thanks to the other marshals. We received £100 for our efforts which is to be split 50:50 between End Polio Now & Alans Africa.

I was formally inducted as President on 7th July and I attended the Masonic Hall in the early evening to "set up" the AV equipment ready for the BGN Interact Quiz. It always helps if the person responsible remembers the memory stick!! No it wasn't me, but I always think that there is a slight irony in the name of the device. Fortunately as the Interactors are all computer whizz kids they managed to sort it out. I had to disappear at the start of the Quiz as I was hosting two performers for the Saturday Night at the Musicals.

The Night at the Musicals was a superb evening of musical entertainment by our 4 professional musicians resulting in £3,770 being raised for Alans Africa (Sierra Leone), End Polio Now and 10% for the Trust Fund. A huge thank you to the Beddings and the Gardiners for their front of house/ bar organisation, all those who helped on the night in any way, to John Smith and Simon Porter for the auction donations, to other Rotary members for raffle prizes and for all members and friends who supported the evening in any way. What a great start to the year!

The following day several members supported Banbury Cherwell's Sportive event at Broughton Castle where they ran the drinks department in the catering area - thank you to all who took part.

On 13th I attended the Inner Wheel Handover meeting where our very own Helen Morris handed over the chain of office to Sheila Pollard. Well done on a great year Helen and good luck for your year Sheila.

On the morning of the 14th 15 Rotarians and friends attended a presentation by Tim & James, the two students from Frank Wise School who had recently taken part in the Calvert Trust weekend in Devon. They told us about their experiences and it was obvious that they had both got a lot from the experience. Many thanks to Nigel Randall for his personal commitment to this project and thanks to those who attended to support the presentation.

I left at the end of the presentation and had a meeting with Stuart Prestidge, Banbury Guardian, to try and develop an ongoing relationship with our local paper - if the last two editions are anything to go by it seems to be working. We need to continue to feed information to Stuart, through Fred Riches, in order to try and keep our Club profile in the local paper in the hope of raising our profile in the local community.

Our first speaker of the year was our Rotary Scholar, Vanessa Picker from Australia. This young lady is an excellent ambassador for Rotary as well as being a very intelligent and articulate individual. She certainly impressed us all with her presentation and the delivery of her subject and I know by the number of questions afterwards that she was very well received. Martin gave a great vote of thanks stating that if ever any member had doubts about the Scholars' programme Vanessa was proof of the great value of this scheme.

On 21st Pip Dingle, from Maggie's Centre in Oxford, gave a very informative talk about the service they offer and Mark Recchia did a vote of thanks which was only slightly shorter than Pip's talk!!

The 26th was my first Council meeting where we discussed many aspects of Club business.

Our speakers on 28th were Sebastian & Will, two of our Brodey Bursary students, who demonstrated just what a great scheme the Brodey Bursary is and the support it gives the students.

I have just returned, along with 27 others, from the Club trip to the Houses of Parliament. A big thank you to Nigel Yeadon and his Committee for organising a great day out.

Well that's one month down and eleven more to go.

President Alan Wolstencroft

President's Handover Speech



Distinguished guests, guests, fellow Rotarians - I am truly honoured and privileged to be granted the guardianship of The Rotary Club of Banbury for the Rotary year 2017-18 and I will do my best to serve the Club and carry on the great tradition and ethos of the Club that I am so proud to be a member of.

Firstly I must, on behalf of the Club, thank Owen, for all his hard work leading the Club for the past 12 months, whilst still working for a living, not always an easy task to balance, but one which I feel he has managed extremely well. This time last year he said "I am confident that we as a Club have a huge amount to give and I want to encourage you to maintain your level of service during 2016/17 so that we can look back this time next year and say, hand on heart, that we have lived up to the RIBI's Presidents theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity". I believe that we, as a Club have, in so many ways, fulfilled this theme and feel that Owen should be very proud of what he & the Club have achieved during his term of office. During the past year we donated a grand total of £65,000 to charitable causes and have spent hundreds of "person" hours achieving this. Our commitment to the End Polio Now campaign, a cause that holds a special meaning for Owen, is just one indication of the dedication & service that we as a Club have shown during Owen's year. A total of £8,000 was donated to the campaign and with the matched 2 for 1 funding from The Gates Foundation this sum equates to the immunisation of 120,000 children, making us an

example that Clubs in District & Nationally should follow with envy. Thank you Owen

So to the forthcoming year - the Rotary International President Peter Riseley's theme is "Rotary Making a Difference". This, for me, is very appropriate as "Making A Real Difference" was the Rotary Mission Challenge motto when Rotary in Britain & Ireland partnered with Mercy Ships back in 2005, when I first visited Sierra Leone and I have used this as my "tag line" for my projects ever since.

We only need look at our programme of events - Children Singing for Children, Crocus Concerts, Young Musician, Young Chef, Practice Interviews, The Calvert Trust weekend, International Youth Exchange, Party for the Blind, Christmas Parcels, Christmas Street Organ, the Brodey Bursary & BGN Interact Club to realise just how much of a difference we make within the local community. A lot of these events offer strong Community Service and Youth Opportunities but some of the events also generate funds for third party Charities both at home and abroad. We donate money to a lot of local causes and we support our own Charity, the Rotary Foundation both with funding, our hosting of Rotary scholars and of course, as already mentioned the End Polio Now campaign. Through our International Committee we support causes such as Shelterbox & Aquabox and projects in India and Africa. In the last Rotary year, with the support of the Club, over £27,500 was raised for the Schools Project in Sierra Leone "Making A Difference" to 4 school communities.

We as a Club should be really proud of these activities, but we need to try even harder to raise the profile of Banbury Rotary Club so that the local community realise the value and effect of Rotary within the local area. This year we have been asked to record on Rotary Club Central a record of the money we raise AND the hours we spend undertaking community events and I think if we did an assessment of this we would ALL be really surprised by the number of hours this Club devotes in "Making A Difference". I would ask that the Chairman of the 4 Service Committees & those leading Working Groups for specific events, try to collate this information so that we get a real feel for this and make others aware of our commitment in the local community.

Two areas that I feel we need to continue to focus on are Publicity, both internal & external, and Membership and the two topics are in many ways inter linked. We need to utilise both the local press and our own social media outlets in order to promote the work we are doing in the community, not only to tell the public what we do, but also in the hope that we may attract prospective members who are interested by what we do and what we can offer them. We need to ensure that we continually feed information to the local press and the webmaster to try and maximise our public image and for those of us that are on social media we need to continually re-circulate information and reports regarding the Club to raise our profile. We also need to send information and reports to the bulletin editor on a timely basis so that we can ensure that internal communication and information are effective. In order to try and promote what we do, myself and the bulletin editor, plan to trial a **MINI VERSION** of the Club bulletin which can be handed to prospective members, guests or interested parties to give them an everyday, up to date flavour of what WE as a Club are all about - we have already started to work on this - so watch this space.

We ALL have a responsibility to promote the activities of "our" Club and we are all membership officers for the Club. We need to consider friends and acquaintances that may be interested in joining Rotary or at least coming along to find out a bit more about us and what we do. I know there are different schools of thought about forming "friends of Rotary" or a Corporate membership scheme but we already utilise this concept for practice interviews so maybe it is something that we should look at during the coming year. I would ask you all to try and identify a prospective member, try and encourage them to come along and see if they like what they see. I have Daren Wright here as a guest today who is very keen to become an active member of this Club and all being well I look forward to him joining us in the not too distant future. The future of "our" Club is in our hands.

One of the strengths of "our" Club is the fellowship and banter that is present at our meetings and it is something that we are renowned for within District. In the Rotary induction it states "the basis of all Rotary is fellowship" and it goes on "for without regular contacts, acquaintances cannot be turned into friends".

We used to have a system for drawing a table number to indicate where a member should sit but this was scrapped as it was felt it wasn't working. There is a tendency for some members to sit in the same place or with the same people on a weekly basis and I would ask members to try and break this habit and make a greater effort to circulate more and get to know Rotarians that they are not too familiar with, to improve fellowship and friendships within the Club. It is probably the best opportunity to do this during the coming year - as I will be firmly seated in the centre of top table so none of you will have to try and get to know me!!

In life we all have our "pet hates"- In Rotary I have two:

- The first is regarding an aspect of our Friday meetings - on occasions some Rotarians continue to chat after the bell has been rung to announce the start of the meeting or talk whilst members are making announcements. Could I please ask that we all respect the fact that the ringing of the bell signifies the start of the meeting and that we give fellow Rotarians due attention during announcements.
- The second is that although e-mail is a great form of communication, sometimes it creates problems due to the message that has been sent being misconstrued or the fact that it has been copied to the world and its wife when this is not necessary. So before you press the send button please consider this and remember that the telephone is still there to be used and is often a better medium of communication, or there is always face to face conversation.

If you have concerns regarding any aspect of the Club please talk to me or a Council member so we can consider any issues, but remember we are a democracy & we can't please all of the Club all of the time. We plan to continue with the President's Polio Pot, under new stewardship - a decision that I am aware will not please all members BUT if we put it in perspective last year The Pot raised £450 and with matched funding from the Gates Foundation this equates to immunising 6,750 children - another example of Banbury Rotary "making a difference".

I am really looking forward to my year in office, a sentiment that I am sure some of you don't share! Working with my Council, Committee & Working

Group Chairman, and with support from you, the members, I hope that we, as a Club, can have another great year of Rotary fun, fellowship & fundraising in the true tradition of The Rotary Club of Banbury.

This starts tonight with the Interact quiz and is followed tomorrow evening with The Night at the Musicals @Tudor Hall, raising funds for Sierra Leone Education Projects & End Polio Now. Currently we have 185 tickets sold but it is not too late to buy tickets to enjoy what promises to be an excellent evening of musical entertainment with our 3 West End performers and their musical director.

Thank you in anticipation of your support throughout the coming year and for allowing me the honour of being President of The Rotary Club of Banbury.

Together we can & will continue to "Make a Difference" - a REAL difference.

President Alan Wolstencroft

Speaker Reports

Vanessa Picker – Foundation Scholar



Vanessa is a Rotary Scholar who was originally from Canberra, Australia. She is sponsored by District 9675 Sydney, Australia and while studying at Oxford as a Rotary scholar is being hosted by The Rotary Club of Banbury.

Vanessa is studying at Oxford University and at Kellogg College department of Social Policy and Intervention. She is studying for an MSc in

“Evidence Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation”, which Vanessa claims is the longest MSc Title in Oxford.

Her talk took us through her younger years growing up in Canberra, but mainly focused on years studying at University in Australia, and how it got her to apply for her Rotary Grant, including her RYLA experience.

The final part of her talk was explaining her take on how to try and evaluate best value for money for social policy, what she calls “more bang for your buck”.

[Ed - research which is highly relevant to Rotary i.e. assessing the return on investment of projects and the means by which this can be improved. Charitable aid is not simply how much is given, it is about the effectiveness of implementation - important for both beneficiaries and potential donors.]

Those present I know were blown away not only with Vanessa’s presentation skills but her obvious passion and knowledge for her subject, a great advert for Rotary Foundation.

Lastly, not that Vanessa told us, but she has been awarded the prestigious Clarendon Scholar (well worth a google), which will fully fund her for 3 years study for her DPhil (PhD) at Oxford. This young lady has a very special talent and is a very down to earth well rounded individual, oh and by the way a Cricket Blue, she opened the batting at Lords in The Ladies’ Varsity match this summer.

Rtn. Martin Phillips

Pip Dingle – Maggie’s Oxford

Pip Dingle is the Fundraising Manager at Maggie’s Oxford. Pip explained that Maggie’s provides free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends, following the ideas about cancer care originally laid out by Maggie Keswick Jencks.

In May 1993, Maggie Keswick Jencks was told that her breast cancer had returned and was given two to three months to live.

She joined an advanced chemotherapy trial and lived for another 18 months. During that time, she and her husband Charles Jencks worked closely

with her medical team, which included oncology nurse, Laura Lee, now Maggie’s Chief Executive, to develop a new approach to cancer care.



In order to live more positively with cancer, Maggie and Charles believed you needed information that would allow you to be an informed participant in your medical treatment, stress-reducing strategies, psychological support and the opportunity to meet other people in similar circumstances in a relaxed domestic atmosphere.

Maggie was determined that people should not “lose the joy of living in the fear of dying” and the day before she died in June 1995, she sat in her garden, face to the sun and said: “Aren’t we lucky?”

The first Maggie’s Centre opened in Edinburgh in 1996 and since then Maggie’s has continued to grow, with 20 Centres at major NHS cancer hospitals in the UK and abroad. Maggie’s also has an Online Centre.

Maggie’s Oxford is a purpose-built Centre in the grounds of the Churchill Hospital in Headington, providing a warm and welcoming place where anyone affected by cancer can access friendly and professional support on a drop-in basis, completely free of charge. As with other Maggie’s centres, the Oxford Centre is an individually styled, architect designed building that provides a striking feature at the entrance to the hospital site. Wilkinson Eyre, whose dramatic designs have won the prestigious RIBA Stirling prize twice, have created a timber tree house design for Maggie’s Oxford. In response to the wooded site, the concept is based around a treehouse, supported on stilts with a faceted,

angular geometry which maximises the relationship between the inside spaces and its natural wildlife setting. Maggie's Oxford opened in 2014.



Maggie's core programme of emotional, practical and social support is based on evidence and has been shown to improve wellbeing during treatment and recovery. Emotional support might involve a one-to-one session with a clinical psychologist or joining the art therapy group. Practical support might include advice on benefits or joining our 'Where Now?' group for adjusting to life after cancer. Social support comes from the community around the kitchen table who understand what it is to be living with cancer. Anyone affected by cancer is very welcome to pop into the Centre; open from Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm.

Last year Maggie's Centres had 150,000 visits, with 80 - 100 visits a day

- 83,000 of those are people living with cancer
- 16,000 were newly diagnosed
- 43,000 were family, friends and carers

Maggie's is:

- For anyone and everyone affected by cancer, at any stage of a cancer experience
- For all 200 types of cancer
- Tailored to an individual's need
- Has no time limit to each visit
- Centre staff are professionally trained
- In close proximity to the hospital
- Warm and welcoming environments

- Support is free of charge, with no referral required

Pip explained that on average 50 people per day are seen in the Maggie's Oxford Centre, with 99% of people reporting that they find the support provided to be helpful. The Centre is funded entirely by voluntary donations; Maggie's don't receive any government or NHS funding.

One fundraising event for which Maggie's is well known is the annual Culture Crawl, which provides an opportunity to discover Oxford in an evening full of fun, food and culture! The 2016 event was joined by Rtn. Mark Recchia and Mrs Recchia, who both had a whale of a time whilst raising funds for the centre. The 2017 event will take place on Friday 29 September around Oxford and will take you on an 8 mile adventure around the city. The route includes some of the city's most spectacular venues including; Modern Art Oxford, St Hilda's College, Oxford Castle and more to be announced soon! All of this plus cultural surprises and delicious food and drink along the way. Anyone interested in taking part can contact Pip Dingle directly:

Pip Dingle

oxfordfundraising@maggiescentres.org
01865 751882

Rtn. Mark Recchia

Events

Warriner Practice Interviews

The final part of the Practice Interview Programme (PIP) conducted by Club this year was concluded on Weds 5th July when 5 students from the Warriner School were interviewed for a second time as part of the competition to find the student who most impressed. All 5 students were worthy of their second interview, and each performed well. In the end the 3 interviewers (Ashley and Rosemary Bedding, and Nigel Randall) easily agreed that Bethany Parish came across as the most impressive student, mainly because she showed that she was able to take full part in her school education whilst following her love of both stage and technical aspects of the theatre in school and AmDram productions, girl guiding and maintaining a social life whilst at the same time juggling her complex young carer duties for her single mum (who has mental and physical difficulties) and younger brother. In addition, she was already discussing

with Oxford Brookes how she could study for a future career in the theatre whilst fulfilling her carer responsibilities. It was a very humbling experience speaking to her, more especially as she was only 15 years old.



My thanks go to all Rotarians and Friends of Club who volunteer to conduct the PIP interviews at BGN and the Warriner each year, and without whom this scheme would not be possible. Older Club members may recall that the late Rotarian John Meeres imported PIP from his previous Club 'up North' over 12 years ago. I attach a recent email from the Careers Leader at the Warriner that will hopefully endorse why the programme remains so important:

"Nigel, I would like to formally thank you and your colleagues for your valuable contribution to the careers education of our new Year 11 students. The interviews are the final careers activity of the year, following work experience and an enrichment day, and I have received a resounding positive feedback from all students which I would like to pass on to you.

Students commented that your team made them feel at ease and that they have developed a greater understanding about the purpose of an interview. This education is invaluable in terms of developing the confidence of young people to progress in the big wide world. Many students admitted to feeling very proud of themselves at having conducted themselves well and really appreciated the verbal and written feedback that was sensitively given. The certificates were well received and I don't think we should underestimate their value either as there was a palpable sense of pride as students received them.

I framed the certificates for the finalists and these students gained a lot of respect from their peers

who were pleasantly surprised that it was not 'the expected' finalists and that the ultimate winner was perhaps in their eyes now someone who has risen significantly in the whole school's estimation. Bethany burst in to tears when accepting the news she had won and if you and your colleagues look on the Warriner Facebook page you will see (as well as pictures) that the comments from her relatives are a pleasure to read. Her personal confidence will no doubt have received a significant boost. She no doubt has a fantastic future awaiting her.

Finally, my apologies for the Mock exams inconvenience: no one was more disappointed than myself at the problems it caused but thank you for the flexibility and patience demonstrated by your magnificent team. Your work is much appreciated by students, the wider Warriner community and myself. Yours sincerely, Nigel Smith, Careers Leader"

Interact Quiz Night



On Friday 7th July our BGN Interact friends presented a quiz evening at the Masonic Hall. This was their first major event where parents, school staff and Rotarians were invited to attend. With the help of Rotarian Ian Anthistle, they had arranged with Sanchia for a hot supper to be served during the proceedings and a well-stocked raffle was also on the menu.

The students had put in a great deal of effort to ensure the evening went with a swing. Questions were projected on the screen in a series of well laid out slides and the Interact team took turns to read out the questions, combined with a lively commentary. There were about 7 tables of four guests competing for the honours, the winning team

being presented with an impressive hamper prepared by the Interact members.

The evening raised £154.36 from which £50.00 will be donated to each of the teams chosen charities, Katharine House Hospice and BYHP, and the balance held for future projects.

Unfortunately, the quiz took place on a weekend when our club had 4 different events taking place and this seems to have affected the number of Rotarians who were able to attend. However, those who did will tell you that you missed a good evening's entertainment. I sincerely hope that we can support this bright and enthusiastic team of Interact members in greater numbers when they organise their next event.

John Bennett.

Night at the Musicals

On Saturday 8th July, to celebrate the start of a new Rotary year, 200 people packed the theatre at Tudor Hall School, and witnessed a truly superb "West End" concert. Simon Adkins (originally from Banbury and currently the resident choreographer of 42nd St in the West End) along with Alison Dormer & Clare Rickard accompanied by Musical Director, Rob Cousins, performed a wide and varied range of songs from the Musicals.

Newly installed President of Banbury Rotary Club, Alan Wolstencroft, who was instrumental (pardon the pun) in setting up and organising the concert stole a line from Jersey Boys and said "Oh What a Night"! He added "all four performers donated their time and expenses to support Banbury Rotary Club who were raising funds for Alan's Africa Sierra Leone schools projects and Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. Simon said "it was great to be back in Banbury, performing with three great friends and helping Alan & the Rotary Club of Banbury raise funds for two great causes".

Alan said "Rotary's theme this year is "Rotary - Making A Difference" and the concert was a great way to start my year as President. I owe an immense debt of gratitude to the four professionals for putting on such a great show, delivering a truly spectacular evening of musical entertainment which was greeted enthusiastically by the audience, including a standing ovation at the end, and giving freely of their time. I must also acknowledge the wonderful support we received

from Shana and Tudor Hall School, Suzy & Simon of The Panto Bus (sound & lighting system), Banbury Print & Design (printing) and the local businesses and Rotary members who donated items for the raffle and auction".

£3,775 has been raised for our Sierra Leone Schools Project and Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.



President Alan with Clare, Alison and Simon and MD Rob, seated

Visit to Frank Wise School

On the morning of Friday 15th July, Club members and partners visited the Griffiths Centre (GC) building at Frank Wise School. This kind invitation had been extended in acknowledgement of the Club having sponsored two GC students each year since 2012 to attend the Calvert Trust, Exmoor. After serving refreshments, students Tim and James gave a short presentation on their recent experience at their activity weekend with the Calvert Trust. There, participants with physical, sensory and learning disabilities can experience exciting, challenging and enjoyable outdoor activity adventures such as archery, canoeing, zip wire and abseiling, and assisting other less capable participants in organised and social group activities.

The immediate challenge that Tim and James faced was that, although the course was fully accommodated and catered, they had to be individually independent outside their carefully supervised activities. This was the first time that

either student had been away from their regular home and school comforts and support of familiar staff or family, or having to organise themselves to such an extent without prompting. Truth be told, James found it quite difficult to cope with his newfound independence and had some behavioural difficulties initially. However, after encouragement with GC staff over the phone, and with Tim's support, James recovered to take full advantage of the weekend. This experience will prove invaluable in the near-term as James is about to leave Frank Wise to take a three year placement at a further education establishment in Cornwall that will train him in the hotel trade. Tim has another year at GC after which he hopes to take a place at Banbury & Bicester College.



It has always been very satisfying for Members to hear direct personal feedback from this project, normally during a routine Friday talk. Club is extremely proud to have worked with students and teachers from the Griffiths Centre at the Frank Wise School, and the Calvert Trust, Exmoor, and the Youth Services committee has recently recommended to Council that this sponsorship should continue in 2018.

Rtn. Nigel Randall

Visit to the Mother of Parliaments – 31st July

28 of us left Banbury at 08.30 on Monday and only 27 of us returned. You could be forgiven for thinking this was a disaster along the lines of the visit to HMS Belfast a while back. But on this occasion it was deliberate to leave Mrs Kyffin behind in London. We thought it was at Mr Kyffin's request but apparently it was at her own request, which is more logical when you think about it!

To our astonishment we had an uneventful trip down to the Houses of Parliament arriving in good

time. Just as well since, sadly, there is now very tight security at the Palace of Westminster, but all done with a typically British sense of humour with the nice police lady at the barrier (backed up by not so nice looking officers with automatic weapons) threatening that if anyone was found carrying a knife or other weapon they would be given 100 lines!



After a refreshing coffee we split into 2 groups for our guided tours which were meant to last for 75 minutes but ended up taking 90 minutes for one group and pretty much 2 hours for the other, a testament to the knowledgeable enthusiasm of the guides.

We started in Westminster Hall, an awesome piece of architecture where monarchs have lain in state, and where Charles I was tried before his execution and Sir Thomas More was put on trial.

We were led through the Royal apartments (it was a palace) and then to the House of Lords and on to the House of Commons. We were all overwhelmed by the opulence of the buildings with glittering gold

leaf and beautiful paintings and stained glass windows everywhere. The Commons chamber was slightly less ornate but impressive nonetheless. Surprisingly small compared with our impressions of it from television.



We were not allowed to sit on the benches in either House but were able to go through the lobbies (in our case the “Noes” lobby) where the votes are counted, and enter the chamber from behind the Speaker’s chair.

By any definition this is an impressive building leaving you with the sense that there is more history per square yard than any other building in the world and it will take Brussels another 1,000 years to anything like catch-up!

The visit to the Jewel Tower just across the road was a bit of an anti-climax after the magnificence of Westminster but interesting nevertheless being one of only two buildings from the original medieval Palace of Westminster to survive to the present day.

And then, as promised, a return to Banbury in time for tea after an awe inspiring visit. There are still some things that we British do better than anyone else in the world and the preservation of history and its democratic institutions is one of them.

Nigel Yeadon.

Notes from Council (26th July)

The issue of a storage container was discussed. The Treasurer reported that Trust Funds could not be used for this purpose and that bridging finance has been offered to the Club. A working party will be convened to take this forward.

2nd November has been set for the International Committee’s “Rotary’s got Talent” with a meal at Banbury College.

Free Funds stand at £942.24

Funding requests were received for the following: -

Polio Pens £450;

Up to £530 towards sending two Banbury Space Academy pupils to Hadron Collider;

End Polio Now Donation £2,000;

Up to £3,000 setup costs for CSFC; and

Two new Rotary Banners at a cost of £202.80.

It was agreed that these would all be put to Club members.

Council Minutes to be posted on members’ section of our Website within 60 days of Meeting.

Electronic Distribution Lists via our Website reduce hacking activities and should be used at all times

Website & Social Media matters leads are: -

Website - Ron Barnett

PR - Fred Riches

Social Media - Owen Kyffin

Bulletin - Andrew Fairbairn

President’s Activities included - Stewarding Armed Forces Day, “Night at the Musicals” & Broughton Castle Cycling Sportive.

Assistance to Syrian Refugees Council very supportive of this proposal, International Committee to take lead in suggesting the best form of assistance.

Club Members to be reminded of Lunch Arrangements

Sierra Leone Educational Project to be rebranded as “Alan’s Africa” to attract funding from a 3rd Party.

Weekly Meeting Duties for August 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
04-Aug	N Halfpenny J Hansford C Hughes G Jeremy O Kyffin K Manning	R McLean J Groves	S Maxwell	D Hitchcox
11-Aug	H Matthews J Meredith R Nurden M Nutt G Pollard M Phillips	A McHugh T Iles	N Randall	D Sullivan
18-Aug	D Richardson P Richardson I Rodrick P Shea J Smith P Thomas	S Porter F Riches	A Bedding	S Crump
25-Aug	A Warren E Woodruff R Worrall J Webb N Yeadon I Anthistle	R Thompson R Barnett	G Anker	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 August & September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
4 Aug	Surinder Dhesi	My Trip to India	Andrew Fairbairn
11 Aug	Anna Tait	Youth Cricket	Martin Phillips
18 Aug	Eunice Harradine	Operation Christmas Child	Maurice Humphris
25 Aug	None	Fellowship Meeting	
1 Sept	Paul Burnett	Safeguarding	John Webb
8 Sept	David Pope	District Governor	Alan Wolstencroft
15 Sept	John Bennett	Long Serving Member	Martin Phillips
22 Sept	Wendy & Laura Martin	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Alan Wolstencroft
29 Sept	Nick Irvine	An educated guess	Nigel Halfpenny