



The January Diary

3rd Community & Vocational
Committee

Classification &
Membership Committee

5th Rotary Meeting

10th Foundation Committee

12th Rotary Lunch

16th Sports & Entertainment
Committee

17th International Committee
Youth Services Committee

19th Rotary Lunch

24th Council Meeting

26th Rotary Lunch

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President's Pen for December

Firstly a Happy New Year to you all and I hope that the Christmas period was enjoyable for you all.

December as always was a very busy month for the Club and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking ALL those members who donated their time to support the 4 main community events of the month.



Tour De Trigs - once again Rotary had an active involvement in this endurance event and I must thank all those who gave up their time to man the check point at Brailes and all the work in the run up to the event. A special thank you to Nigel Randall for co-ordinating the event and giving endless hours to ensure everything was in order, to Ian Anthistle & Ian Calderbank for their long stints over the Saturday night/Sunday morning, to Paul

Shea for all the catering, to all those who marshalled at the checkpoint and to Andrew Fairbairn who is on the Tour De Trigs Committee and spent the weekend working on the event.

Christmas Parcels - despite the snow on the day that we were due to deliver we did manage the delivery of 285 parcels, a total of £4,380 was spent, to members of the local community.



There is a lot of work in the background and I must thank the Working Group for making this project a success and say a special thank you to Paul & Jenny Gardiner, Ashley & Rose Bedding and David Hitchcox for all their hard work assembling the parcels at the unit we borrowed courtesy of Andrew @ White Commercial. Also thanks to those who collected foodstuffs at Sainsbury's (£489 worth in total) and to the team of delivery drivers who battled the treacherous conditions over a few days to complete the distribution. Also thanks to Mark Recchia @ Banbury Town Council, for the loan of lots of equipment for the project and we should also recognise the great support we receive from Sainsbury's and other local companies who contribute to the project.

Christmas Street Organ Collections - over a 4 day period Andrew Fairbairn & John Webb led a team of volunteers and spending 2 days at Tesco & 2 at Sainsbury's we "wound" the public up with our comprehensive range of Christmas carols and as a result we raised a total of £4,852. Many thanks to ALL those who gave their time to encourage shoppers to contribute and special thanks to Andrew & John for their mammoth shifts and to David Hitchcox & Malcolm Dibb for counting the proceeds.



[Members will be aware that without the hard work and knowledge of Rtn. John Webb in respect of preparing and servicing the equipment, both prior to and during the activity, and using his own street organ to complement the Club's, it would be much harder for the Club to run this very successful event which has raised significant funds for many years.

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Christmas Float - due to the number of additional houses in the Banbury area Round Table had to scrap our usual village route but allocated us the Bath Road area on Sunday 17th. Whether it was the town centre route or a Sunday evening that appealed it certainly worked as we had an amazing 18 Rotarians and family members collect and Santa was also a "Friend of Rotary" and thank you to ALL those who came out and a special thanks to Santa at this busy time of the year. We collected £894 of which we will receive 60% (£536) and we will receive this from Round Table in the next few weeks.

We enter the second half of the Rotary year looking forward to both Young Musician and Young Chef and we will once again be giving local young people to participate in two great events which showcase local talent within the Banbury community.

Please try and support these events and all the other activities coming up in the next few months.

Once again THANK YOU to all of you that gave your time to represent "our" Club in the local community and I look forward to your continued support for the remainder of the Rotary year.

President Alan Wolstencroft

Speaker Reports

Gareth Nichols – Riding for Katharine House

Gareth Nichols is the manager of the TSB Bank, High Street, Banbury. Besides dealing with banking business, he and his staff are very involved in the local community as much as possible. To this end he



is presently (on invitation) speaking to children in primary schools about how to use their pocket money wisely etc.

Locally for the past few years he has been raising money at his branch for Katharine House Hospice. This year after speaking to one of his customers he decided to do something different. 72 year old Charlie was very interested in building small 150cc motorcycles with sidecars (based on 'field ambulances' used in Africa).

Mission accomplished they decided on a journey from Ruthwell in Dumfriesshire - where the TSB Bank was founded in 1810 by the Rev. Henry Duncan - via every TSB branch between there and Banbury in five days - there are 550 branches in England to date.

They spent five days of practising as driving a motorbike and sidecar is very different to just two wheels!

On 18th June 2017 three people loaded the bikes onto a van and drove to Scotland. They checked into a Travelodge for the night before setting out the next day.

Day 1 - Ruthwell to Berwick-Upon-Tweed. No problems.

Day 2 - to Newcastle. Got lost on the journey.

Day 3 - to Leeds. Another fine day but one motorbike broke down. Charlie repaired it.

Day 4 - to Leicester via Liverpool. Saddle sore. Long day.

Day 5 - to Coventry and Banbury. Very wet start but the sun shone when they arrived at the TSB in Banbury at 4.30pm.

Throughout their entire journey they had a large teddy bear in the sidecar.

They had covered a distance of 706 miles and raised £4,800 in contrast to their original target of £2,500.

In 2018 they hope to travel from Lands End to Banbury, again visiting all the TSB's en-route.

Rtn. Gareth Jeremy

[Endurance events have a good track record for highlighting and raising funds for good causes. Through the grapevine it has been suggested that various members are contemplating the Three Peaks and Tower Ridge (Ben Nevis) for 2018. No doubt anyone wishing to help as part of the teams will be very welcome.

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Events

Syrian Refugees

As members will know, together with St Hugh's and St Mary's Churches, we have supported the Adopt-a-Room project to help furnish a house for a Syrian Refugee family. The family arrived early in December, by which time the furnishings and fittings were almost all in place. Representatives from our partnership together with one or two people from Hook Norton Refugee Support Association and Banbury People's Church had made the necessary purchases, and supplied and fitted equipment under the guidance of Oxfordshire Connection Support Team. Shortly after their arrival, the family were able to purchase one or two items still required from the funds raised. In total our adopt-a-room partnership has spent just over £800 so far. The family are now busy settling into their new home, learning English and getting organised for life here in Banbury. We hope they find a ready welcome and wish them well.

Rtn. Fred Riches

Weekly Meeting Duties for January 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
05 Jan	M Phillips G Pollard N Randall F Riches P Shea R Thompson	D Richardson P Thomas	R McLean	A Ilott
12 Jan	A Warren R Worrall N Yeadon G Anker I Anthistle R Barnett	J Webb E Woodruff	A Bedding	R Kipping
19 Jan	J Bennett S Bion J Brodey T Bryce I Calderbank B Cornley	H Braisby M Budd	M Douglas	D Hitchcox
26 Jan	J Donaldson A Fairbairn B Goodchild N Halfpenny J Hansford C Hughes	P Cavill P Gardiner	J Groves	D Sullivan

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 January & February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
5 Jan	Fellowship Meeting		
12 Jan	David Richardson	Hurricanes	Nigel Halfpenny
19 Jan	Ian Calderbank	Longer Serving Member	Ian Rodrick
26 Jan	Rev Philip Cochrane	What St.Mary's Church can do for the community	Andrew Fairbairn
2 Feb	Kelly Newton	Guide Dogs	Malcolm Dibb
9 Feb	Tim Bryce	Tim's Trek - Lechdale to London	
16 Feb	Janine Burton	Brackley Dippers Club	Pat Thomas
23 Feb	Frugal Lunch		