



The February Diary

- 2nd Rotary Lunch
- 5th Inner Wheel Charity Indian Supper
- 7th Community & Vocational Committee
- Classification & Membership Committee
- 9th Rotary Meeting
- 10th Young Musician of the Year Final
- 14th Foundation Committee
- 16th Rotary Lunch
- 20th Sports & Entertainment Committee
- 21st International Committee
- Youth Services Committee
- 23rd Rotary Lunch
- 28th Council Meeting

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President's Pen for January

Our Rotary New Year got off to a great start with the induction of Daren Wright into the Club - I know that he is keen to get involved and I would ask members to make an effort to say hello and get to know Daren who, I am sure, is going to be an active member and a valuable addition to our membership.



On Friday 19th and Saturday 20th we held our Young Musician heats at Tudor Hall and as always the event showcased many local talented musicians and I look forward to attending the finals next weekend and I would encourage as many members as possible to support the event. A huge thank you to Gareth Jeremy, Nigel Randall and the organising committee for all their hard work in putting the heats on and of course I must also thank our judges and Tudor Hall for hosting/sponsoring the event.

On Tuesday 23rd we organised the Young Chef competition, hosted by the College and sponsored by Reg's Café. Due to illness there were only 5 competitors but the standard of food and the presentation was once again of a very high standard. Our thanks must go to Bernard Goodchild for all his organising, to our hosts, sponsors, the judges and Town Mayor Colin Clarke for presenting the trophy. Can I also thank the ten Rotarians who attended and it was a very pleasant social evening for us all.



Ed - the lack of attendance of the families of the students at the event was disappointing so the presence of so many Rotarians to support them was even more important than usual.

We have had 3 speakers during January, two of them Club members, and Philip Cochrane from St Mary's. All I will say is that they have all been well received and I hope if you were unable to attend you find extracts from their talks elsewhere in the Bulletin.

We are approaching a busy time in our Rotary calendar and I would ask that Rotarians try to support activities as they are able.

President Alan Wolstencroft

Speaker Reports

David Richardson – Hurricanes



Ed - our speaker together with Eoin Martin and David Reed from the Rotary Club of Towcester. Eoin used to run a business in Banbury in Malthouse Walk before he retired.

David moved to the Cayman Islands in 1998, arriving in April which coincided with the preparation time for the 1998 Atlantic hurricane season. The season starts on 1st June and finishes on 30th November. This was one of the costliest and deadliest Atlantic hurricane seasons on record, featuring the highest number of storm-related fatalities in over 200 years. The strongest storm, Mitch, was tied with Hurricane Dean for the seventh most intense Atlantic hurricane ever recorded. Mitch is also the second deadliest Atlantic hurricane in recorded history. The system dropped tremendous amounts of rainfall in Central America, causing 19,000 confirmed deaths and at least \$6.2 billion in damage. The season was the first since Hurricane Andrew in the 1992 season to feature a Category 5 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale. 2017 is expected to a bad year with high casualty numbers and very high costs of reparation and recovery.

The full meteorological definition of a hurricane does in fact mean that the UK does not get

hurricanes, although as 2017 has shown, the remnants of tropical storms that do reach the UK via the westerly winds following the Gulf Stream across the Northern Atlantic can be quite noticeable and serious. David mentioned the 1987 storm which hit SE England causing immense problems and some loss of life.

Tropical cyclones, e.g. hurricanes, often develop in the form of a shallow disturbance embedded in the general easterly trade wind circulation. Such a migratory wavelike disturbance of the tropical easterlies is called an easterly wave, which is sometimes also known as tropical wave or equatorial wave.

Initially easterly waves are fuelled by a relatively shallow layer of moist air converging at the trough line. However, over warm tropical Atlantic waters they often become intensified by latent heat. If there is enough 'fuel', i.e. sea surface water warmer than 26 °C, the trough will be deepening becoming more organized forming a tropical storm and maybe a tropical cyclone eventually.

One very real problem with hurricanes is the very low pressure at the centre. This causes rapid circulation and high winds and can also cause the water below to rise 20 to 30 feet causing very rough conditions and instant flooding with general destruction if anything including land gets in the way.

Rotarian Bill was, as always, happy at the start of a Hurricane season as he owned and ran the one and only DIY hardware store on the Island. Boarding up material, hurricane shutters, tape for window glass, batteries, necessary tools and gadgets from hammers to generators and so on. Everybody prepared for the season although the bankers, overseas investment experts, accountants and so on prepared by securing their flexible air tickets. The hard done by Government appointees were expected to stay and help.

Hurricane Mitch was taught David the basics of preparation, including the fairly obvious fact that going outside was unwise and that coconuts at 150 mph can kill.

Hurricane Michelle arrived in 2000. Storm and wind on the Friday and on Saturday rain and wind had cleared but the sea was still very rough. David and Janet visited friends and came home late when they noticed that the road past their apartment had become the new limit of the breakers that were normally some 200 feet short of that road and on

the beach so he immediately phoned their friends opposite. Yes, their friends reported, the sea is high and bashing over the windows but all is OK otherwise. There was then a scream down the phone as the air conditioning unit had just been forced into their friends' lounge and the window had disappeared. The friends came over to stay that night. Next day was fine and from dawn David and friends were hunting down their possessions hundreds of yards up the coast and in all the trees. Their china cabinet was forced from dining room to lounge and submerged in a foot of sand and water so it was amazing to discover that most of the buried crockery was still intact. However, their friends' car keys which they had left on the bedside table and were now missing. From outside through the now destroyed window area the search of the floor for the keys started and was eventually successful.

During this search was when David became suddenly submerged by a 20 foot wave that could have taken him out to sea. Fortunately, the remains of the bedroom wall enabled David to hold on and enjoy the surprise dip. The water was very warm but it surged right over and through what was left of the bungalow. David described this as an unforgettable experience!

In 2000 David became the Rotary District 7020 Disaster Officer which involved seeking aid for Haiti, Honduras and Guatemala with emergency flights provided by Cayman Airways and an American backed project to provide wooden sheds at a cost of \$500 each to replace Haitian shacks destroyed in mudslides.

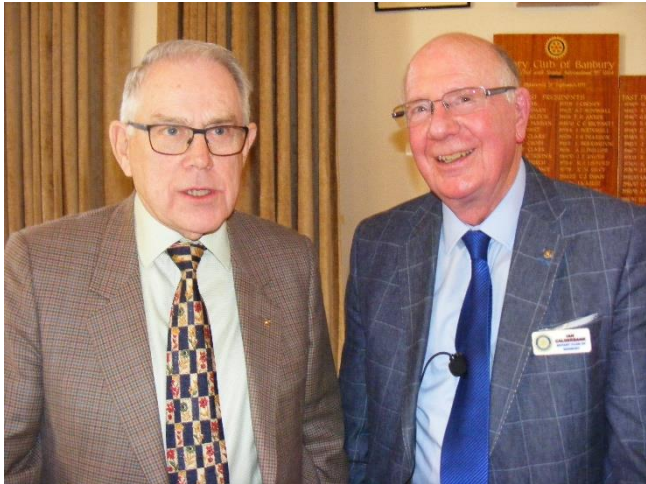
Some 30 Aqua boxes to be stored in the centre of the Island that could be put to use quickly rather than wait the 3-4 days or longer that it would usually take if provided after the storm.

Some school buildings are, when needed, used as refuges but there is not room for all of the population and they are not intended for use by visitors. The population does double at least during the non-hurricane period. Many advertise holidays etc. with small print stating that the hurricane season as being June to November is best avoided but it ends on 30th November and storms have also appeared in December. Tourists are generally able to leave before any storm hits.

David concluded his talk by stating that Hurricanes are dangerous and not a lot of fun!

Rtn. Nigel Halfpenny

Ian Calderbank – Longer Serving Member



It is often said that a cat has nine lives. Although this is the fifth time Ian has spoken to Rotary he shows no feline qualities, (ever seen a bald cat?) it is more a reflection of the excellence of his presentations.

Ian is a Cheshire chap, having been born just before the outbreak of the Second World War - I gather that the timing was coincidental. His father, a regional Manager for British Road Services after the war, was given responsibility for fuel supply and rationing in the Midlands and North West and was awarded an MBE for his work in Coventry during the blitz, when he organised fuel supplies and temporary kitchens.

Ian won a scholarship to Sandbach School where he distinguished himself before becoming an apprentice with Rolls Royce in Crewe. From Crewe he went to Cambridge to read engineering but after a successful summer vacation job working for Alcan in Canada he returned to Cambridge and switched faculties to read metallurgy.

It was during his time in Cambridge when a friend introduced him to a young chartered accountant - Pat. He had the good sense to invite her out and you can guess the rest of the story. They have now celebrated their Golden Wedding - an amazing tribute to Pat's stamina.

In 1962 he joined Alcan at their laboratory in Banbury, meeting up with the likes of Mike Budd and the late Geoff Wood and John Phillips. Over his 32 years there he learned more and more about Aluminium, visiting many operations around the world, solving problems, training people and eventually managing a chunk of the R & D programme.

In the 55 years that the Calderbanks have lived in the Banbury area they have been very involved in community activities. He joined Round Table in 1966 and was Chairman in 1973/74 at the same time that Pat was Chairman of Ladies Circle. He joined Banbury Probus Club in 1997 and was their Chairman in 2008. He joined Rotary in 2003 and was President in 2015/16.

Ian and Pat have 2 sons, both of whom are Cambridge graduates, one in engineering and the other in mathematics. Both sons have spoken to Rotary, one about his work as CEO of a charity, the other about his private equity business.

They have four grandchildren - all girls. Two of them are at Cambridge, the other two still at school.

I have always maintained that our own member's "my life" or "my job" talks are easily the most entertaining/ enjoyable and interesting that we have. Ian proved my point.

Rtn. Ian Rodrick

Rev. Philip Cochrane – What St. Mary's can do for the community



Philip has been the vicar of St. Mary's Church in Horsefair, Banbury since May 2016. He is also the Area Dean and the Chairman of Governors at St. Mary's School. Although only a relatively newcomer to Banbury, judging by the number of people he knew at the Club, he has not been slow in venturing out beyond the confines of the building.

He is keen to engage further with voluntary groups, amongst others, to discuss means by which actions can be taken to achieve benefits for the local and

wider community. As part of this aim he is seeking to generate greater use of the currently under-utilised church in a manner that helps to create more support for those in need whilst promoting arts and culture as a critical element of attracting visitors to the town. Although the late 18th Century building with its subsequent additions has great architectural and historical merit, its current layout and specification are nowhere near ideal for accommodating such aspirations and the options and means to improve this situation are being explored. Watch this space.

He is very conscious and thankful of the considerable work already undertaken by the Club and other voluntary groups and is hoping that a constructive 'renegotiation' of the partnership between St. Mary's and the community can only help to enhance its effectiveness. Part of this relates to reducing costs for the use of the facilities at St. Mary's, subject to budgetary constraints which necessitate gradual change, but other aspects entail combining resources to create better outcomes. He acknowledges that this will take time but is hoping that his recent purchase of a home in Banbury will help to demonstrate his long-term commitment to the town.

Philip displayed his enthusiasm and wide range of ideas that he would like to implement but also his honesty in dealing with questions on contentious topics. He is aware that there are no easy answers but invites voluntary groups to accept his offer of help.

Rtn. Andrew Fairbairn

Ed - Philip is very approachable and open to considering new ideas. Members may wish to view this as an opportunity in connection with future events and/or projects.

Events

Cern Students

During the summer of 2017 the Communities and Vocational committee received a request from Banbury Space Studio regarding funding for two students who wished to go to visit the Halon Collider in Cern, Switzerland on a four day trip in February 2018. The committee discussed this matter and John Webb forcefully put the case that we should support these two students. He cited his own

experience as a small boy at a village school when if you couldn't pay for a trip you didn't go. There being no PTA to help with funding in those days. He remembered the ones that were left behind as the coach pulled away on the day of the trip with some of them in tears.



He made the case that these two students were in year ten or eleven, they were on the carer's spectrum, looking after their parents or siblings, and they would be disadvantaged educationally and within the learning spectrum of their year group, as well as socially amongst their friends if they did not go.

It was agreed to approach Council for a grant and also to give the students the opportunity of helping themselves with fundraising in some way. Council agreed a grant "up to" a figure should our fundraising efforts prove that this grant was required. Andrew and John, together with the good offices of another Rotarian, Surinder, arranged for the students to help with a bag pack in a local store. On the appointed day the two students were released from school and, accompanied by Andrew and John, they valiantly stuck to the task of packing shopping for customers for a donation to their funds for six hours continuously. On another occasion they organised a raffle at a school bazaar which, due to inclement weather on the night did not go as well as expected, but nonetheless raised further funds towards their total.

The club was then offered another date for a "bag pack" and with the help of several volunteers from the club we raised another good sum of money. The result of these efforts was that the funds allocated by Council were not required, and by the efforts of

the two students and other Rotarians as well as Andrew and John the sum required was raised and indeed surpassed by a small sum. This money being “ring fenced” for this project was given to the two students as a reward for their efforts and to show the pair that success comes from their own efforts and asking for help to achieve their goal.

The whole school year will be off to Cern in early February and have promised a PowerPoint presentation to the club on their return before the summer break at school so it is a win for them, the club, and a speaker slot hopefully filled as well.

Rtn. John Webb

Lord Mayor of London's New Year's Day Parade



The morning of New Year's Day dawned dull and misty as Joy and I left Banbury for London. We had seen an invitation to participate in the “End Polio Now” contingent in the Lord Mayor of London's New Years Day Parade which had been sent to all members of District 1090 by Eve Conway, President 2016/17. We both believed it would be a special event and we could enhance the profile of the Rotary campaign to rid the world of this terrible crippling disease. We found that after we had expressed interest the organizational side of the event moved forward smoothly and we were sent our wristbands and instructions very promptly.

After a very comfortable journey to the capital, courtesy of Chiltern Rail, we were soon in a taxi and headed for the rendezvous which was at Piccadilly Circus. The site was well signposted and Eve was already there. We introduced ourselves and then went to find the stalls selling memorabilia and the usual T-Shirts and also somewhere to get

refreshments which was quite hard to locate as it was still early on New Years Day.

We had with us our costumes which we wear when out with the Street Organ as the theme this year was “Circus”. There was also to be a Showman's Steam Engine and a small Luminaire Dance Organ on a trailer being pulled by the Engine. I was pleased to see the engine belonged to Dawson's of East Anglia with whom I am acquainted, and the organ was one that they used in their Junior Gallopers, this being ex Fossets' Circus. The contingent also comprised of some of our “Rotakids” who are the most junior section of Rotary International who were going to walk with us all the way along the route to the Houses of Parliament. We were, by this time, being joined by contingents not only from this country but also marching Oompha Bands and Cheer Leaders from the U.S.A., Belly Dancers from Africa, large lorries converted into floats for the day with dancing girls on some and Steel bands and guitar wielding youths on others making a spectacular noise. There were at least a dozen Highway Patrol cars as used in America with Police Officers in Highway Patrol outfits, and to balance them a dozen or more Mini Minors of the old style. In the end the first participants were finishing the route just as the last ones were starting from Piccadilly Circus, a good mile and a half behind us. As we progressed past the Ritz Hotel and down the wide London streets the crowds were four or five deep all the way. There must have been half a million people along the route! We gave the “Rotakids” big foam rubber hands and they went from one side of the road to the other “glad-handing” the crowds, I don't know who had the most fun, the kids or the crowds. Our club had given us some Polio Crocus Badges to distribute and these were very well received from Joy as we processed the route. There were T.V. cameras at many vantage points to broadcast to the worldwide audience, and people had paid to sit in stands erected at intervals along the roads, these containing over two hundred people in each stand. The roar of the crowds echoed round these covered areas as we passed and made a unique atmosphere for the crowds and the participants alike.

The engine kept up a sedate pace with us and we kept an eye on the “Rotakids” who must have made the mile and a half walk into about ten miles running about with their foam hands in and out of the following contingents who loved the small children and laughed and ran with them at times.

All too soon we reached the Houses of Parliament and the marshals ushered us into our area away from the parade route. We stood for a while and watched the interesting walkers and mechanical exhibits and the sun, for a brief moment or two, shone down on the event and put a perfect end to a most memorable experience.

Rtn. John Webb

Council Notes (24th January)

Publicity. Council discussed raising the profile and achievements of Club at various events such as Young Chef & CSFC by ensuring each committee Chair organizes advance publicity and later submits a report. Any photos and reports regarding PR to be sent to Rtn Fred Riches, Items for Website to Rtn Ron Barnett. Information for Facebook to circulate via Rtn Owen Kyffin. The use of additional websites such as Banburyshire Info is to be considered.

International Committee Chairman proposed investigating "Contactless Giving" to assist fundraising at all events. He will research full costs and details to report back to Council. Future plans include a Quiz Night and meal with a speaker later in the year.

Friday Meals. Council request- if a member has apologized for a meal but then arrives for the meeting, they please wait, to ensure a place is available before sitting down. This avoids disappointment for a "booked-in" member.

Trust Funds stand at £1,930.53.

Data Protection. New regulations are being introduced later in the year which will affect the way the Club holds data. The Hon Secretary to produce information sheet of the main points for all members.

Contact 2018 is scheduled for May 10th to 13th to Olten, Switzerland. Meeting of interested members to be arranged. Plans for Contact 2019 in Banbury are well in hand.

Christmas Parcels. Over 280 parcels were packed and delivered by members. The gifts were very well received. Congratulations to the organizing team and drivers, in spite of the snow!

Club Accounts to be brought to AGM (19th March) for approval.

Council approved the creation of a ring-fenced account to raise funds for Container purchase.

Champion of Change/Community Champion. Our President has been chosen as District 1090's nominee for this national award.

Council approved extra donation of £2,500 to End Polio Now.

Bar Codes

My thanks to all of you who have been carefully collecting Taylor's tea bar codes over several years, often not only personally but also from friends and family. Such was the enthusiasm of one member that he cut out the bar code before emptying the pack, with unfortunate results for some tea bags. We did not raise vast sums, but with many others who were collecting, we added to the funds enabling the Wheelchair Foundation to supply several chairs for folk with disabilities, mainly in Africa. Sadly Taylors of Harrogate have now ceased their generous support of the Foundation but a new sponsor is being sought, who knows, I may soon be suggesting that you drink PG Tips! In the meantime continue to enjoy the excellent Yorkshire Tea.

Rtn. Maurice Humphris

Aquafilters

As members will be aware, the Club has been active in providing support for projects and equipment to help supply clean water to those who rarely, and sometimes never, have access to this most basic of needs.

A recent donation from the widow of one of our Club members will be sent to fund a Community Aquafilter which will help numerous people to enjoy better health.

The Club continues to be active with a range of measures to ameliorate conditions in poor countries relating to clean water, sanitation and education.

Ed

Weekly Meeting Duties for February 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
02 Feb	M Phillips G Pollard N Randall F Riches P Shea R Thompson	T Iles A McHugh		A Wiltshire
09 Feb	G Jeremy O Kyffin K Manning H Matthews R Nurden M Nutt	R McLean J Meredith	S Porter	S Crump
16 Feb	N Randall D Richardson J Smith P Thomas E Woodruff R Worrall	I Rodrick A Warren	J Webb	M Humphris
23 Feb	N Yeadon I Anthistle A Bedding J Bennett S Bion G Anker	H Braisby R Barnett	T Bryce	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 February & March

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
2 Feb	Tim Bloomfield	Guide Dogs	Malcolm Dibb
9 Feb	Tim Bryce	Tim's Trek - Lechdale to London	Fred Riches
16 Feb	Janine Burton	Brackley Dippers Club	Pat Thomas
23 Feb	Rotary Scholar	Vanessa Picker - Frugal Lunch	Martin Phillips
2 Mar	John Webb	Lord Mayor of London's New Year Parade	Andrew Fairbairn
9 Mar	Burt Pickering	My experience as a Brodey Scholar	John Brodey
16 Mar	Daren Wright	New member	John Donaldson
23 Mar		Fellowship Meeting	
30 Mar	Good Friday	No meeting	