

The Banbury Bulletin



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SPEAKER REPORTS.

Matthew and Michelle Hunter's presentation on the 27th. November had the title "Bridging the Gap". This was a series of four primary school workshops, bringing together older and young people. Although these Live Art projects have been running for 7-8 years this is the first joining different age ranges.

There were two elements 1:- Salsa and Dance and 2:- creative writing and photography – not as daunting as it sounds. The writing took the form of reminiscence for adults on what life was like in their youth and how they see themselves now. The children partly the same but also how they imagine their lives in future.

The workshops included games, with poetry, stories and artwork produced by the participants. Items of importance were brought in and explained why they were chosen. Both children and adults were given a disposable camera to take photos of people, places and events that had special meaning – these were then discussed.

The workshops culminated in a display of works in St Mary's church and an evening of the dances learnt, along with readings of poetry and stories produced by the children. Some adults interviewed those pupils who were confident to take part.

Next years workshops will include a singing component. Volunteers to take part were requested from Rotarians, several have shown an interest in this extremely worthwhile project bringing together different generations. Helen Braisby.

Note. A shorter bulletin this month back to normal next edition.

NEW MEMBER.



Shirley Kershaw -Was recently welcomed into our club.

Details.

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Date of Birth 28th January 1936 She is a Retired Company Administrator. Introduced by Rotarian Maurice Humphris.

On The 11th December our speaker was Rotarian Phillip Bobby - World Peace Fellows

Six centres have been approved since 1999 at Universities for studies in peace and conflict resolution; two in USA and one in each of Japan, Argentina, Australia and the UK.

Up to 60 people worldwide can participate each year and candidates can be put forward by any club, the person is then approved by District and forwarded to Rotary International.

The applicants undertake a Masters Degree Course, in a country other than their own, and must show a commitment to the promotion of peace, goodwill, the resolution of issues of conflict and world understanding.

Rotary Foundation funds the costs, so there is no cost to an individual club or to District. So far over 400 fellows from over 75 countries have benefitted from the funding.

Rotarian Graham Anker, who hosted, felt that Phillip's talk helped us to understand this aspect of Foundation fund workings.

The other sides to our own Rotary charity include Matching and District Simplified Grants where some of the money we have given into the central funds can come back to assist with charitable projects we are actively promoting. Then there is the Group Study Exchange programme, the Polio Eradication scheme along with Ambassadorial Scholarships and here one of the scholars is due to come and speak to us on 5th February.

Graham Anker

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Foundation.

Dear All.

May I congratulate all of the Foundation committee for an excellent afternoon's entertainment with the Family Christmas Festival of Music at St. Mary's. The Banbury Symphony Orchestra was excellent as always and having Lucy leading the singing was superb, I am sure that everyone who attended enjoyed the event.

Particular thanks to Jonathan for his excellent comparing of the event, there were certainly some tongue twisting introductions.

As with all of these successful events, a lot of hard work has been put in by individuals before and on the night to make it a success.

Rtn. Roger W. Worrall President The Rotary Club of Banbury

Note the event has to date raised a little under £2000.00

Sports and Entertainment

January Club Darts

February . Inter Club Quiz.

16th. March Poetic Licence with Sonia Blinkhorn "Devout Coward" based on the works of Noel Coward.

19th March District Golf Competition Willingdon Golf Club.

27th. April Club Outing

May Towcester Races.

May Clay Pigeon Shoot

19th May Spring Golf Tournament

A host of items to put in your diary.

Attendance

November Honorary Members <u>4</u> Members 73 Average Attendance 51 - 71%. Members other activities 83

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Visiting Rotarians: Philip Bobby Oxford Isis. David Evans Alderminster.

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Friday Lunchtime Duty Roster January 2010

If you are unable to carry out your lunchtime duties as shown above it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and amend the list.

Do not forget to apologise if you are going to miss a meeting. Your name should be written in the book, or you should telephone **RICHARD GEORGE on 01280 704607** by 5.00pm on the Wednesday before the meeting.

Failure to do so will result in a 'brown' envelope requesting immediate payment for the meal as we have to pay for the number of meals booked.