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He is back! our intrepid traveller has returned. It is usual at hand over to give the new President the front page but I am sure President Roger Worrall will not mind being on the second page this year.



Andrew at Banbury Cross

The Fairbairn Challenge.

Rotarian Andrew Fairbairn completed his epic journey from Scilly's to Shetland exactly on schedule. He started on the 1st June from the Scilly Isles and finished on the 27th June by paddling around Muckle Flugga Lighthouse then landing and climbing to the top of the island and taking in the view. The final leg was a return to the Isle of Unst to be met by the support crew with a bottle of Champagne.

The aim of the challenge was to complete the usual Land's End to John O'Groats but with the

added 200 miles from the Isles of Scilly to Lands End and then from the top of Scotland to include the Orkney and Shetland Isles. Most of the Island parts were by Kayak accompanied by Kayaking partner Michael Punter. The total mileage covered by walking, cycling and by Kayak was about 1200 miles.

Andrew's reason for doing his challenge is to raise funds for the Leonard Cheshire Disability appeal for "Schools for all in Africa."

He received support from The Leonard Cheshire Foundation and the Rotary Clubs of Isles of Scilly, Mounts Bay, Penzance, Tavistock, Taunton, Axbridge, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Uttoxeter, Glossop, Carlisle, Allander, Lochaber, Wick, Shetland and of course our two local Rotary Clubs Banbury and Banbury Cherwell Andrew extended his grateful thanks to all those that helped on the way. He is also grateful for the help and support given by those individuals who drove the support vehicle and followed him all the way.

Andrew has raised at the moment something over £7,000.00 but is aiming to increase this total by his speaking engagements telling of his experiences and the reason for his exploit, "Schools for all in Africa".

A number of people accompanied Andrew on some of the sections either walking or cycling .

A thank you letter has been received from Philip Fine who accompanied Andrew on the West Highland Way he particularly thanked Rotary members who were giving their support.

A lot more detail is available on the **Rotary Club of Banbury** web site and then click on "Andrews Blog".

D.H.

It was to a full house that Richard Watts inducted our new President Roger Worrall for the coming year. Roger addressed the assembled Rotarians and Guests.



My Lord, Distinguished Guests and fellow Rotarians.

My first responsibility as the newly made President of this Rotary Club is to congratulate Past President Richard on a very successful year and to present him with his Past Presidents Jewel.

Next, I will present a chain of office to my partner Beverley.

It is a pleasure to make the following presentations to 1st Vice President Rotarian Ron Barnett and present him with his chain of office. 2nd Vice President Rotarian John Bennett and give him with his chain of office. Our Honorary Secretary Rotarian Rodrick will continue in office. Honorary Treasurer Rotarian Tony Ilott and present him with his chain of office.

I will now introduce our guests:- Lord Saye & Sele one of our Honorary Members and a regular visitor and supporter to this club.

The Chairman of Cherwell District Council - Cllr. Diane Edwards , The Town Mayor - Cllr. Tina Wren , thank you both for taking time in your busy schedule to be with us today.

The President of the Inner Wheel Club of Banbury - Mrs. Rosalind Kipping, I look forward to attending your installation next Thursday.

The District Governor Elect 2010-11- Rotarian Laurie Cunningham of the Rotary

Club of Banbury Cherwell & Founder President of that Club.

The President of the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell - Rotarian Sandy Williams our youngest daughter club.

The Chairman of Banbury Cross Round Table 1179 - David Steel, my own former table.

The Chairman of Banbury 41 Ex-Tabler's Club - our own Rotarian Michael Banks.

The President of the Lions Club of Banbury - Phil Hassel can not be with us today but the Honorary Secretary Past President Vic Ince is with us, and the Chairman of the Compton Probus Club - John Giddings.

When introducing the following persons you will hear me refer to Paul Harris Fellow - for the benefit of our guests Paul Harris was the person who founded Rotary in 1905.

The highest award that this club can bestow on a fellow member or a member of the public is a Paul Harris Fellowship, this club only makes this award for an individuals exceptional service to Rotary or to the local community or international community -

Paul Harris Fellow - Mrs. Hester Phillips can not unfortunately be with us today. Paul Harris Fellow - Neil Gadsby the Chairman & Founder of Katharine House Hospice - My boss in another role that I am involved in.

Paul Harris Fellow - Cllr. George Parish - The protector of our local Horton Hospital. is unfortunately been unable to attend.

I have three personal guests today Past District 1090 Governor Rotarian David Buckland of the Rotary Club of Bournend and Cookham- A very good friend to both myself and this club.

Mrs. Audrey Eccles a Past President of the Inner Wheel Club of Banbury - A very good friend of my family, Audrey's late husband Past President Geoff inducted me and my next guest into this club in 1992.

Peter Fowler a former member of this club, Peter and me both joined this club at the same time, Peter originally invited me along to Round Table in 1982 which then led onto my involvement with Rotary – Peter is also the CEO and a fellow Director of Westminster.

I appear to have 3 bosses here today:- Beverley, Neil & Peter.

Our last guest is a Rotarian Peter Claydon of the Rotary Club of Warwick. Welcome to you all and thank you for coming along today

I would now like to acknowledge the following Rotarians:- Honorary Member & Paul Harris Fellow & Past President Rotarian Jack Friswell - A remarkable Fundraiser over the years for the Horton Hospital and St. Mary's Church a former Town Mayor, Deputy Lieutenant and JP now a Honorary Burgess of Banbury.

Honorary Member & Past President Rotarian Ken Gibbard a stalwart member of this club for over 50 years. - He also makes excellent slow gin.

Paul Harris Fellow – Past President Rotarian Maurice Humphris Deputy Lieutenant and former JP – Known to virtually every one in Banbury for his work and support for the people of Banbury – A very good friend to myself.

Paul Harris Fellow and Past President Gareth Jeremy – the organiser of our Young Musician competition for so many years.

Paul Harris Fellow – Rotarian Alan Wolstencroft – Who was only made a PHF last week in recognition of his tremendous work over the last 3 years in Sierra Leone initially with Mercy Ships at the Aberdeen Fistular Hospital and more recently with his tremendous achievement with the fund raising and the building of the 6 class room Christian Hope School

And finally, I must also acknowledge the recent achievements of another remarkable Rotarian Andrew Fairbairn with his fund raising challenge for the Leonard Cheshire

Schools in Africa, 154 miles kayaking, 198 miles walking and 828 miles cycling from the Scilly Isles to the Shetland Islands. A total of 1,180 miles.

Today, I stand here with some trepidation on becoming the 75th President of this club.

I follow so many distinguished Past Presidents of this club, some 26 of you are still active members of this club it will indeed be a significant challenge for me to uphold those high standards and traditions that you have all set.

I will be greatly assisted in the knowledge that I gained whilst acting as Assistant Secretary and Secretary to 12 former Presidents.

It is with great honour and dignity that I hold this office as your President for the forthcoming Rotary year. I thank you all for bestowing this office on me and in particular Past Presidents Gareth Jeremy and Maurice Humphris for proposing me as President.

I must also thank the two Rotarians who originally proposed me for membership of this club in 1991 Past President Charles Swain who cannot be with us today – He is at his old Wartime RAF station and the late Past President Geoff Holmes.

When I was at secondary school, I was shy, very quiet and had a bad stutter, my form teacher wrote in my school report that I must come out of my shell and talk more –

If there are any complaints this year with my talking too much please ensure that you direct your complaints to my former form teacher Rotarian Gareth Jeremy.

I look forward to the many various planned activities of this club over the next Rotary year there are so many - this club has always been an extremely active club, I will mention a few:-

Young Musician – So ably run by Gareth for 19 years, typically involving 180 young

children, Dragon boats and The Old Tyme Music Hall

Children Singing for Children – Conceived by Fred Riches – this now runs for three evenings involving up to 25 primary schools.

The annual barrel organ fund raising outside the local supermarkets close to Christmas typically raising up to £5,000 – I shall never forget when one of our members repaired the card music and managed to cello tape together the beginning and end of two different Christmas Carols – Tony Wiltshire !

Mock interviews at the Blessed George & Warriner School. The Christmas Festival of Music

And so many other events – It never ceases to amaze me the new fundraising events that this club comes up with in particular two of our members Alan Wolstencroft and Andrew Fairbairn.

Then there is the local and international community that we support with the funds that we raise, Richard mentioned last week the club had raised in the last Rotary year approximately £39,000 of which £15,000 Alan had personally raised. The same value has been distributed to worthy causes by the club.

Last week, I was at a Club Council meeting and I noticed some writing on the back of a Rotary polo shirt that Alan was wearing – It

said “Making a Difference” – I am sure you will all agree this club defiantly makes a difference.

I must also not forget the fellowship and social side of this club which binds it so closely together, the weekly meetings, the golf days, the club trips, our contact clubs visits.

In 1992 when I joined this club Hestor Phillips welcomed me to “The Rotary Family” – this club is truly a family of good friends always ready to help a fellow member.

Finally, I look forward to working closely with the club officers, council and my fellow Rotarians to have an enjoyable and successful year in terms of fellowship and in “Making a Difference” to those less fortunate than ourselves.

I also look forward to welcoming our guests today, to many of the events that I mentioned earlier and to meeting them at our Town Civic events and their service club events.

I must finish now otherwise the Honorary Secretary will be telling me my times up.

Thank you once again to all of our guests for attending and can you all be upstanding for the final toast.

Rotary & Peace the World over.

A NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

President Richard Watts presented a Paul Harris fellowship to our own member Rotarian Alan Wolstencroft.

Richard spoke of Alan's dedication to the various projects he becomes involved with. Alan joined our Rotary club in December 2003 since that time he has become involved in many events that we run. He is a Committee Chairman and is an excellent ambassador for Rotary both locally and further afield.

Alan's involvement with Mercy Ships and the Aberdeen Fistula Clinic also Rotary Mission Challenge, The Christian Hope School in Sierra Leone.

The statistics of Alan's work are:- 127 talks to Clubs and organisations with a further 16 planned.

Funding from these talks, R.I.B.I. Mercy Ships appeal £18,500.

Aberdeen Fistula Clinic £4,100. Including £3,000.00 personal fundraising.

Aquarolls, a great idea he had for transporting water, £750.00

The Christian Hope School . £45,805



This brings the total funds raised by Alan to a staggering £69,155.

But that is not all Alan's dedication and sometimes his ability to persuade people to help has brought forward the following donations.

Second hand School uniforms sent to schools in Sierra Leone where the rule is no uniform no schooling. Also second hand shoes, trainers and football boots donated by local schools.

Gingham dresses 100 new donated by Potters Bar rotary Club also many second hand school dresses.

Orange phone Co. 100 promotional T. Shirts. England Hockey 120 new T- Shirts.

12 Complete football strips. Sibford School, Nr. Banbury 200 new polo shirts.

Heartlink U.K. 100 new T. Shirts and 100 draw string bags.

Oxford United Youth 15 new T-shirts. Bicester Rotary Club 40 filled Shoe Boxes.

Merrie England 20 T-shirts.

What a great list all of which have been sent to those in need in Africa.

The Banbury Rotary Club rose to give Alan Wolstencroft a standing ovation on his great achievement and the presentation of his Paul Harris fellowship. Alan was unusually speechless after the presentation which was a complete surprise to him.

David Hitchcox

Attendance for May 2009.

Membership 73 plus 4 Honorary members

Members carrying out other duties 32 – Not including Contact.

Monthly average attendance 49 - 66%

There were two Rotary visitors Reg Charles and Simon Davies.

3 Members visited other clubs.

Tony Wiltshire Attendance Officer.

The Club Assembly was held on the 12th. June. President Richard Watts introduced President Elect Roger Worrall who passed on a few thoughts on the coming year.

A few weeks ago a number of us attended District Assembly, over the years I have attended 8 District Assemblies but missed the last three – due to the boring nature these can be.

All of us who attended the recent District Assembly where very impressed with the DG Elects presentation and the overall assembly.

We were shown a video of the incoming RI President John Kenny a UK Rotarian a Scotsman. He came across extremely well as a grass roots Rotarian, there are no major RI initiatives this year in terms of recommended charities we should support, he told us to continue to support our club local community and International projects. John Kenny mentioned that the most important part of Rotary is the individual Rotarian and after this the individual clubs.

He emphasised that RI is only there to support and advise not to control & dictate to clubs and that each individual club is an autonomous unit and should make their own decisions on how their clubs are structured and run.

The RI theme this year is **“The Future of Rotary is in your Hands”**

We were shown another video with Bill Gates of Microsoft attending the RI assembly. You are probably aware that last year the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave Rotary \$100m USD for the Polio Eradication project, the only condition is that we must match this over a period of 2 years

By the time of our District Assembly we had then already raised \$87m USD. Bill Gates made an announcement that his foundation was now giving Rotary a further \$255m USD with a condition that we must raise a further \$100m USD by 2012. Rotary is indeed held in very high esteem by Bill Gates.

Our newer members will probably be unaware that in 1985 Rotary made a commitment to eradicate Polio throughout the World - since then with various initiatives taking place over the years, the figure of 350,000 cases per year has now dropped to around 2,000 per year – we now need to finish the job.

We were also shown a very heart touching video regarding Rotary’s work to eradicate polio, it

made all extremely proud to be a Rotarian and to be associated with this project.

A few months ago Council held a special meeting to consider the RI Leadership Plan and any improvements that we could make to the running of the club in the next Rotary year.

It was council’s belief that this plan has been developed in response to clubs whose membership has decreased and were still attempting to run all the traditional committees.

One of the important elements that make this club successful is that we are an extremely active club and you the members like to be kept busy. This club will continue to function in the way the members wish and will not be adopting the new RI Leadership Plan.

Over this last Rotary year there have been a number of new events, which together with hosting contact has meant that some committees are over stretched through trying to do too much with limited resources.

Our Committees often operate independently and there is at times a lack of co ordination of events. Council will in future attempt to exercise greater control and oversee the scheduling of events. There will be better co ordination to avoid too many events taking place in the same period.

Council intend to enhance the club diary and plan earlier for the year, most major events are regularly undertaken and can be booked and planned for 1 to 2 years in advance.

Traditionally a committee choice form has been sent out by the Secretary, the Incoming President and the Secretary has then tried then to balance member’s wishes and the actual need’s of each committee.

This year the major committee chairmen were involved in the make up of each committee taking into account the various committee activities. The majority of members have been only been allocated to one committee.

We have a listing of volunteers who wish to also be involved in the organising of events that are run by other committee’s. Around 4 for each event, these are volunteers not pressed persons.

We should always remember even though an event is planned and organised by a particular committee all events are "Club Events"

The Club Service Committee's will now come under the 1st Vice President Elect Ron Barnett

The Minor committees will now be called "House Committees" and come under the 2nd Vice President Elect John Bennett.

Speaker Reports.

Friday 5th June 2009

Rotarian John Webb My Life and My Job.

John's early life had a major impact on his future job prospects.

His father was born in 1900 and married in 1939. John still has the Westminster Chime Clock presented to them on their marriage by the Somerton choir. John was born in 1943.

His early years were idyllic and he recalls helping his mother at hay time, gleaning, potato picking and riding "Dobbin" the farm carthorse.

He went to Somerton school at five but did not enjoy it. Nobody passed the 11-plus and his mother was determined he would not go the same way.

The village paper man "Bob Keys" (a well-known Councillor to some Rotarians) arranged for him to transfer to Fritwell School. Tragically his mother died and his father arranged for him to live with his Uncle in Oxford. Unfortunately for six years he was very unhappy, his education suffered and at fifteen he left school with no qualifications.

John returned to live in Somerton and had to fend for himself and in 1958 obtained his first job for 4 years at an Ironmongers in Oxford. He then worked for 2 years at Upper Heyford and then Pressed Steel Company at Cowley.

John now had his first car and explored the area for young ladies, he had to put this on hold as he was unfortunately made redundant but he quickly returned to a temporary job at Upper Heyford.

In 1966 he obtained work at Automotive Products and through hard work and dedication, he won promotion from labourer to Foreman

Finally before I sit down and shut up, I want to emphasise my main objective this next Rotary is for us all to enjoy Rotary in its many aspects, fellowship, fun and service to those less fortunate both in our local community and internationally.
Roger Worrall.

and finally Health & Safety Officer. He stayed with the company for 20 years until the factory closed in 1986. Now at 40 years of age he had a wife, to children and a mortgage.

He obtained work at the County Daries in Kidlington, was quickly promoted and stayed with the Company for eight years.

He then moved to the Fruit Juice factory, also in Kidlington he obtained further training to become Health & Safety Manager.

After many happy years he could have returned but decided to work for a further 3 years for Fired Earth at Twyford Mill.

He must have been popular as he won the Company the Banbury Business Awards Environmental Company of the year trophy.

He retired in 2008 and immediately set to work helping the community. He has built a tiled play zone at the Christopher Rawlins Primary School and loves playing with his organ (John's words not mine).

His wife Joy helps many local voluntary bodies to such an extent they rarely see each other outside the bedroom (John's words again).

I am sure he will enjoy his charity work with Rotary
Brian Doe.

Talk by Rotarian Rev. Alan Haine, "26th June 2009



"Reflections"

It is with somewhat mixed feelings that I come to speak to you today, on the one hand great pleasure and privilege to share some reflections with you, but on the other hand I am very sorry that in less than 4 weeks time I shall be moving away from Banbury and having to say farewell to this Club and it's members.

At the moment our house is chockablock with cardboard boxes of all sorts into which most of our worldly goods are having to be consigned, in fact I am having to make sure that I keep on the move all the time in case I find myself being placed in a box.

Seriously, I have greatly enjoyed the friendship and fellowship this Club has offered and being able to join with you all in serving our local community.

It has been particularly good for me to meet and get to know people outside local Methodist Churches where I have been involved so much of the time.

In 2007 when I was off work for 7 months after suffering 2 detached retinas, this Club was one of the few life-lines I had that helped keep me going when I was unable to do very much at all and I shall always be grateful to you for that and for the support you gave me.

So I come with mixed emotions to speak now, but the question arises, What shall I talk about?

When you were first kind enough to invite me to join this Club I promised that I would not preach any sermons here, and I think I have kept my promise and am not going to break it now.

You will be particularly relieved since now I have to have my notes in such large print that even a short sermon takes up 20 sides of notes and this talk has 22.

As I will not now be showing slides of my holidays of the last 30 years or photos of all my top 2000 favourite Methodist Chapels you will probably breathe a sigh of relief.

In all areas I have served, I have found sharing in baptisms, weddings and funerals has also brought me to meet some very good people I would not otherwise have met. I am not going to talk about funerals because that might seem a little morbid and there is not time to talk about baptisms, so I will just share a few reflections on weddings.

I am delighted to say that whilst I have been in Banbury the weddings I have taken, no bride has been more than 7 or 8 minutes late, but in some of my previous churches this has not always been the case.

I remember several times having to wait at least half an hour, the worst occasion was when the poor organist had started to play at 2.45 for a wedding that was supposed to start at 3, at 3.25 there was still no sign of the bridesmaids or bride, but then at 3.30 a steward brought the good news that the bridesmaids had just arrived, but then spoilt this with the bad news that there was only one wedding car and it had now to travel 10 miles back to fetch the bride, so we did not get underway until at least 4.00.

The organist was not at all amused as she hadn't felt well before she started playing, but now felt awful.

Something similar happened in another church where I don't think many people recognised what he was playing, but I caught on fairly soon that this young man who played by ear started playing his repertoire and went through it all and when the bride had not arrived after 40 minutes later, there was a pause he then began playing again, his own variation of "Get me to the church on time." Fortunately the bride turned up a few minutes later.

But then at weddings there is always the question of music to be played, The last wedding I had in the Banbury church didn't want the usual

organ voluntaries, but had a C.D. of one of their favourite pop songs, it now happens often.

Part of me is always relieved when a couple opt for traditional wedding music, the Bridal March from Wagner's Lohengrin at the start and Mendelssohn's Wedding March from Midsummer Nights Dream for a couple to go out at the end.

As a pieces of music I quite like them both and always enjoy Mendelssohn, I am not quite so sure about the suitability of Wagner as those that choose it are probably not aware about the opera from which it comes.

For less than an hour after Lohengrin and heroine Elsa have been married, Elsa asks a question Lohengrin has told her not to ask, namely what is his name? He tells her his name, but announces that because she has asked , he must now leave her.

A swan floats onto the stage that Lohengrin turns into Elsa's brother Geoffrey who had been turned into a swan by a sorceress. Then Lohengrin takes his leave (perhaps I should say he "Swans off") and Elsa dies of a heart attack, not exactly a happy end to a marriage.

For me as a minister the most nerve racking time is the signing of the registers. You would be surprised how difficult it is to get two parties and their witnesses to sign in the correct boxes with correct signatures.

The most traumatic time I ever had was in the second wedding I ever presided at about 30

years ago, it was nothing to do with the registers, but with rings.

They were a very pleasant young couple, but as one of them had been married before they could not then be married in the Parish Church so they came to me.

When we got to giving of the rings, the best man put them on my service book, was even more nervous than the couple, the book shook and I managed to drop the rings, I soon picked them up and carried on, but I could tell that in the eyes of the groom in particular I had committed and unforgivable sin.

It then dawned on me what he had told me about his first marriage ceremony, the same thing had happened with rings dropping.

He was sure that this is why his first marriage had failed.

Fortunately about two years later I was asked to take a baptism, sure enough it was the same couple who had recently had a baby.

Things were obviously going well for them. I did take extra care not to drop the baby.

I would now like to repeat my thanks for what you have shared with me.

When I have settled in north London I hope to join another Rotary Club. I hope to return occasionally as my mother still lives in Banbury.

Rev. Alan Haine

MEMBER PROFILE.

Rotarian Malcolm Dibb



Born north of Watford Gap, actually in Darlington, in the Baby Boom decade which means I am now officially a wrinkly! My childhood was spent mainly in Sussex but by the time I was 16 my family had moved to Cornwall due to my father's work. I went down there in 1964 and finished my education (in spite of any rumours to the contrary) and eventually started work in the Trustee Department of Barclays Bank in Truro.

I married my current wife, Pat, a couple of years later, having met her at college. We eventually moved to Oxford in 1978 after having lived in Bristol for a while - our son was born there. My work meant I gained a fair expertise in all aspects of fiduciary work, investment management and personal taxation and in the mid eighties I was asked to join a team travelling around the country assessing the effectiveness and standards of work in all our offices.

Although this meant being away from home, my mother in law was living with us by then so my wife and son weren't alone. However I did try to get home mid-week just to annoy them! Due to various mergers the work I was doing extended to Unit Trust administration, Insurance Broking, Life Assurance sales and servicing and Stock Broking operation's.

We devised a modular system whereby local managers could key in either the number of staff to see what workload they could cope with or the amount of work expected to see how many staff were required. No, it wasn't on the back of a fag packet - we couldn't get it through the printer!

I eventually worked myself out of a job and retired from Barclays in 2001. After an attempt (failed) to catch up on all the redecorating and gardening I did something completely different and drove mini buses for Social Services who kindly put me through a PCV test. I met a lot of people going to and from the Day Centres and some of their life stories were pretty amazing. We moved to Kings Sutton in 2004 to be nearer our son and his family. Having grandchildren

is great - you can give them back after a few hours having spoilt them rotten!

In the early eighties we were heavily involved with Puppy Walking for the GDBA, fundraising activities and rearing puppies up to the age of six weeks (which we did until only a few years ago). My wife and her mother did most of the whelping and rearing as I was away most of the time.

I also became involved with that other service organisation called Lions International in Abingdon and then Wallingford and still keep in touch with many friends made during that time. In 2002 I bought a vintage car - a Hillman 14 six light saloon made in 1928 which, although restored has had a lot of money spent on it so that it does not now break down on me unless it runs out of petrol, or Pat is with me! If anyone is getting married my rates for the car hire are very reasonable! I've also passed my Advanced Driving test and now help other people to improve their driving techniques up to an advanced level and pass their tests as well.

This is all through the local Banbury Advanced Motorist Group who gather on the first Sunday of every month at Halfords at 10am for people to come and have demonstration drives, talk to us and even have assessments of their driving (subject to a fee, refundable if joining the IAM).

We started our Cornish Pasty shop at the end of 2006 with our son, Andy, who trained in catering, as our manager. Pat always dreamed of having a tea shop, but with her being Cornish, we decided to combine a bit of Cornish fayre with the 'tea' bit!

Apart from our newly refurbished shop and new colour scheme, where we sell an extensive range of pasties, baguettes, sandwiches, cakes, breakfasts, ice cream, cold drinks, coffees and teas etc. we also do buffets for corporate lunches or any other occasions at very reasonable rates. We don't have a lot of spare time as we start early in the morning with a bacon butty round in Banbury six days a week, we sell pasties etc. In Brackley, Bicester and Banbury from our vans five days a week and in the shop we are getting busier as our good reputation becomes more widely known. Our buffet business is also improving and coupled with work for the council, when they have special events, we are getting better known.

My joining Rotary can be blamed on Roger Worrall who Pat and I met at a Council dinner but I hope that as time goes on I will be able to commit a bit more time when we start to let the reins of running the business pass over to our son. However I hope past experience with charitable organisations will help.
Malcolm Dibb

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Friday Lunchtime Duty Roster July/August 2009

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.