



# *The Banbury Bulletin*

## The Rotary Club of Banbury

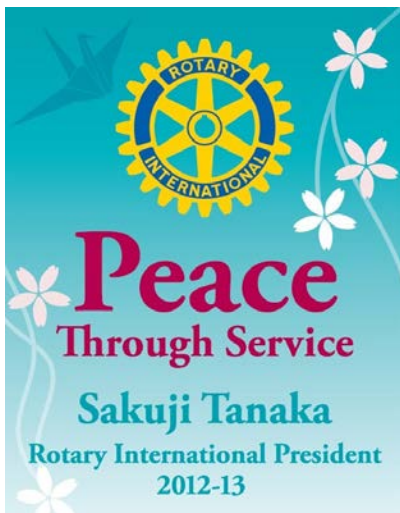


District 1090 R.I.B.I. Club No. 415

President Ian Rodrick

July 2012

## **RI President: Through service, we can bring peace.**



The New RI President Sakuji Tanaka

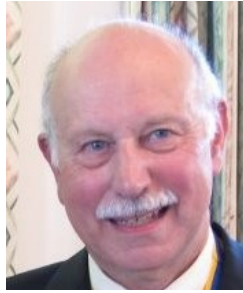
It's a great honor to serve as your 2012-13 RI president and represent you in Rotary. Since joining this organization in 1975, it has changed my life and given me more than I ever anticipated. I look forward to sharing some of that with you.

Through Rotary, I learned the purpose of my life wasn't to earn more, but to help others. Through our service, we learn that the problems that may seem large to us are really very small.

I also learned that through Rotary, we could build peace. As part of the first generation to grow up in Japan after World War II, I understand the importance of peace and its connection to our well-being.

Peace can mean many things for many people, but however we understand peace, Rotary can help us achieve it. Rotary helps us meet the basic needs of health care, sanitation, food, and education. These can bring peace. In addition, we need peace as well for vaccinators to go into countries such as Afghanistan to prevent children from getting polio. It is through our work as Rotarians that we help to build the foundation for a more peaceful world.

Through service, we can bring peace. This is why our 2012-12 Rotary theme is  
***Peace Through Service.***



John's Jotting's

Past President John Bennett

## June - 2012

If you've read some, or any, of my Jottings over the last year, thank you for humouring me. This is the twelfth and final chapter and although I've received an approach from The Oxford University Press, I've decided not to publish them in volume format.

So, how have I spent my last month as President? June started with a bang, because:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Early morning. Pouring with rain. A group of very bedraggled Rotarians were amongst those setting up tables (and I'm told 1000 chairs – it felt like it!) in the Market Place for the **Banbury Town Tea Party** to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Town Clerk Mark was so grateful to our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice for his advice when re-arranging the lay out.

In the afternoon, we headed for Broughton Castle to lay out the site and put up the marquees for **The Dragon Boat Races**. We'd dried out by then. Martin and Alan gained their scouting proficiency badges for herding cattle.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Sun shining and a great day for **Dragon Boat Racing** on the moat. Exciting races, lots of things to do and see, the car park has never been so full and hundreds of happy competitors and visitors. The day seemed to run like clockwork. Congratulations to Andrew, his team and everyone who helped – you did us proud.

However, Bob Thompson, while on car park duty, received one genuine complaint from some grumpy old spectator, who thought we could have cleared up the cowpats!!! So an extra job for Martin and Alan next time

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Another day in the sunshine, this time at **Banbury Show**. Pat manned (sorry, ladies) our stall by herself for most of the day, while several club heavies patrolled the site as ~~bouncers~~ stewards.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Attended **Inner Wheels** last meeting of the year and were full of admiration when President Carol Humphris presented, on behalf of the club, a cheque for over £7000 to her chosen charity, See Saw.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Shirley and I enjoyed the company of our Rotary friends, partners and guests at my **Presidents Night** at Tudor Hall. The weather meant that "Bennett's Balmy Summer Soiree" didn't quite work out as planned, but I was so pleased you came and made our evening. Thank you.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Malcolm Douglas organised his annual **Clay Pigeon Shoot** near Greatworth, which is always a fun evening – good turnout of Rotarians and guests. We scared a few clays, but then Ian Anthistle had to tell everyone that I seemed to get on much better after I put my glasses on. Thanks a lot Ian!

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Several members of our club attended the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell's **Presidents Night** at the Whately Hall Hotel. Another enjoyable social occasion with President Phil, his club members and their guests.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** The last **Council Meeting** of my year at No. 97, where by tradition, we were joined by our partners for an end of year social. However, we were not at all demob happy and discussed some useful business items, before heading for the kitchen to see what goodies Shirley had cooked up. Thank you all for making it a happy occasion.

And that's my month of June. What a fantastic month to bring my "reign" to its conclusion. But there's lots for me to look forward to in the coming month, so I won't feel too out of it. Two mornings of interviews at Warriner School this week, as well as the Hobby Horse Festival on Sunday, the Old Ford Rally on 22<sup>nd</sup> and don't forget the Pig Roast at Banbury Cricket Club on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. See you there?

Now it's time for all of us to commit support and look forward to a great year with our new President Ian Rodrick, because – and I'm sure I don't really have to remind you again –

**“It's What Rotary's All About”**

**John.**

### **President John Bennett's Valedictory Talk – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

I can hardly believe that it's almost a year since my coronation when I was made President of the Rotary Club of Banbury – and that is probably the only thing I regret. That I'm a year older and it only seems like six months.

I don't mind admitting that during the lead up to handover day I was somewhat nervous about whether I was up to taking on the responsibility – and I bet some of you were as well. But I needn't have been, because the support and encouragement I've received from the members of this club over the last 12 months has been all embracing.

My valedictory does give me a chance to say thank you and to reflect on what we have achieved over this Presidential year. I say this Presidential year, because I don't view it as *my* Presidential year – I prefer to see it as our Rotary year during which time I've had the pleasure to be your President.

So first of all, what have I been up to during this time, while the real work has been carried out by the committee chairs and their members. On consulting my diary I find that I have attended all but three of our Friday meetings, presided over 1 Shadow and 12 Council meetings, attended 5 District Council meetings or events, as well as the District Conference in Bournemouth.

I've attended 72 Rotary functions – events such as Young Musician & Young Chef, Mock Interviews, planting bulbs in Spiceball Park with the local primary school pupils, visiting Dogs for the Disabled, hosting a new members evening, calling quite a few special meetings for club business. But there's been sadness as well. During this time, I've attended the funerals of Rotarians Richard George and Derek Repton, Thelma Jeremy, Mary and Jane Maxwell and now, soon, sadly, Pauline Crump.

As I mentioned at the AGM, I've had the privilege to represent our club at The Battle of Britain and Remembrance Day parades, and just a few weeks ago, together with a party of our club members, Shirley and I attended Contact weekend in Italy and widened our circle of international Rotary friends. If you haven't tried Contact, give it some thought. It's a great social event. And talking of social events, it was really pleasing for me to welcome so many of you to my Presidents night (or Bennett's Balmy Summer Soiree) at Tudor Hall two weeks ago. Hardly summer weather, but I loved the warm friendly atmosphere. Thank you.

When I took the chair last July I predicted a busy year – not that you'd expect anything different from this club. I asked the members re - commit themselves to volunteer help and support to those who were organising events and from the feedback I've had, with a few exceptions, I believe we have raised our game. Although we are a large club, the number of projects we take on does at times stretch our available manpower to the limit and that's why it's so important that everyone who can, does their fair share. To modify a phrase you'll have heard from some old Rotarian, that's what being a Rotarian is all about.

So what are just *some* of the highlights of the last 12 months and how have we raised our image to the public - and that's important, because I never cease to be surprised by how generous the people of Banbury are when we ask them for donations to our latest cause.

Children Singing for Children is a great event in many ways. Yes, it raises funds, it's a good community event and it gives us direct recognition from the parents and teachers.

Street Organ Collections, a terrific fund raiser. The Family Festival of Music – both high profile events for the club. And what about the Dragon Boat Races at Broughton Castle. A lot of work for Andrew Fairbairn and his team. However, you may remember at the hand over last July, I said we should not overlook the importance of service clubs like ours putting on events for the local community which would otherwise not happen. Well, we put on Dragon Boats as a community event and from the feedback I got from the competitors and the public, this club gained a lot of recognition and many grateful fans - and I'm pleased to report Lord & Lady Saye and Sele really enjoyed it.

Talking of community events, that is not fund raisers, we've had Young Musician, Mock Interviews, Young Chef, Stroke Awareness day and Party for the Blind, all take a great deal of organisation, all are really worthwhile projects, so yes, I think we should be proud of our efforts in that direction.

We've had some fun social events, including The Polar Bear Dip, Race Night, Charles Cars, Darts matches, Quiz Night and our Rotary Day out.

Looking at some figures, our funds have benefited from generous sponsorship donations from Bloxham School, Banbury Charities, Tudor Hall, the sponsors who take advertising space in our programmes and from a very generous Helen's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday party.

I must make mention here of the "Double A's" – Alan Wolstencroft and Andrew Fairbairn, who seem to have more energy than a year's supply of AA Duracell batteries. Alan for his constant work to improve the life of the people he cares so much about in Africa and the continuous commitment they both give to Shelterbox and Aquabox. The substantial funds they raise are included in our accounts each year.

After due consideration, we decided to support the organisers of the Tour de Trigs who were seeking to re-establish the event after backing had been withdrawn by the Scouting organisation. Without committing our club to any financial or legal responsibility, the weight of Rotary's presence as a patron has been much appreciated by the Tour organisers and everything is falling into place for this important locally organised event to take place again this year.

You may remember that one of the targets I wanted to achieve during my year as President, was to form a Rotaract or Interact club in Banbury. Banbury Cherwell committed to joining us in this project and when I asked him, Ian Anthistle readily accepted the task on behalf of our club. As things progressed (or didn't as the case may be) Cherwell followed the Rotaract route and Ian the Interact. If we ever need proof that persistence pays off, we just need to remember Ian, who persevered from September through to the end of April before he struck gold. The BGN Interact club is due to be formed in September after the pupils return from their summer holidays, and I'd like to thank Ian for all his hard work and for enabling this wish to be realised. It also looks as if the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell will be forming a Rotaract club, so congratulations to them.

I've been lucky on several counts this year and one of those has been the support I and this club have received from our District Governor, Niall Blair. He was with us at the change over when I became President, he attended the funeral of Richard Georges, he came to speak to the club at one of our Friday meetings, he joined us at Young Musician, he came to Dragon Boats and although he will no longer be DG, he has volunteered to bring his sign written Polio Plus car to put it on our stand at the Ford Y & C Car Show at Gaydon in July. He tells me there are half a dozen clubs in District 1090 which he considers "Fun Clubs" and I'm pleased to say we are one of them.

Some more "Thank You's". To the members of Council, for all their hard work throughout the year, for the good humoured banter that has accompanied the business discussions and for the support they have given me. I've already said that I was a bit nervous about taking on the Presidency at the beginning of the year, but I soon felt at ease with their backing.

I should also say that it hasn't all been plain sailing. We've had our differences of opinion – but that's healthy. Whether you are in business, or a service club like ours, if people don't ask questions, raise issues, then debate doesn't progress, all the bases are not covered and a diplomatic consensus cannot be reached. If we have had differences of opinion, then it's been constructive and purely with the interest of Rotary at heart and for that, I'm grateful.

To all the chairs of the different committees, both on and off Council, thank you for so readily taking on the responsibilities and for the achievements you have made with your committee members.

There are of course, two officers in any Rotary club who have the most onerous tasks – the ones which are not particularly fun, but straightforward administration posts, without which a club couldn't operate.

With this in mind you'll probably understand that our club Secretary has had quite a taxing time. David Sullivan, thank you for trying to keep me somewhere near the straight and narrow and for all your support and guidance throughout the year.

You won't be surprised to hear that the other officer I refer to is our retiring Treasurer, Ron Barnett. In fact thinking about it, this will be the third time he's retired in two years. So Ron, from your point of view, I bet it's fingers crossed & third time lucky. I think everyone knows what a great job he's done for us in that time and for continuing for another two years much against his better judgement.

At the beginning of the year our reserves were fairly low because, the year before we had quite rightly, distributed a substantial amount of funds which had accumulated and although Ron is still finalising the end of year accounts, I asked him if he could give me a rough idea of how we had done this year. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the total, taking into account all forms of income, was just over£30,000. During this time we have donated around £24,300 to worthy causes.

So, there we are – a year in the life of a Rotary club during which time I've been President. Thank you, it's been a privilege. I've enjoyed the fun and your fellowship and in wishing Ian Rodrick all the very best for his year as President I ask you to give him the same support you've given me.

Because, you know what? **“It's What Rotary is All About”**.

## **News from Alan Wolstencroft, Goodwill and Growth for Africa. “making a real difference in Africa”**

In mid March I spoke at my Rotary District Conference in Bournemouth, to 600 delegates, – I was the first speaker and was in fact the “warm up” act for our National President – no pressure!!

I received donations of **£575** at Conference & this was the “kick start” I needed for another project.

### **Christian Hope School, Sierra Leone**

With an additional 140+ secondary age students at the school there was a desperate need for an additional toilet block. There is no running water at the school so “long drop” toilets are the only option –the total cost of the project was **£4,500**.



The project was completed by the end of May & I would like to thank the following organisations for their generous donations towards the project:

**Goodwill & Growth for Africa, UK £1,200**

**The Doris Field Charitable Trust, £1,000**

**The Rotary Club of Banbury £750**

**Rotary District 1090 Conference £575**

The remaining money was raised personally by talks to a number of local societies/organisations.

The 8 new toilets are a step up from what already exists at the school as rather than just a hole in a concrete base they have purchased ceramic UK style toilets and fitted them over the “long drops”

### **St John's Priory, Banbury - “Smartie” appeal**

At the end of last term I went into the school and gave them an update about **“Ithembalihle”** the orphanage in South Africa they are supporting.

As a thank you for all their fund raising efforts I bought all the children & staff a tube of Smarties & asked them after they had eaten the Smarties if they would fill the tube with loose change.

I visited the school again in May, when they held an African theme non-uniform day, to thank them for the **£590** they raised from the appeal. Some of the “Smartie” money has gone towards providing a set of swings for the children at “Ithembalihle”.

**A very big THANK YOU to all the children, parents and staff at St John's for their support.**

### **Westminster Group PLC**

As from 1st May Westminster Aviation Security Services, part of the Westminster Group PLC, a local Banbury company, has taken over the security contract at Lungi Airport, Freetown, Sierra Leone which they will run for the next fifteen years. So how does this help me.....?

They are now assisting me with the shipping of school uniform, footballs & football kits, knitted blankets & general school supplies. ALL the items are being safely received and are then distributed to various communities by my good friend Fayah.

I am really indebted to Westminster Group PLC for this fantastic support and the pictures show what a difference this is making to several communities in the Freetown area - **THANK YOU.**

**No uniform, no shoes - means no education!!**

In Sierra Leone, generally speaking, if a family cannot afford a school uniform or school shoes their child will not be allowed to go to school – some may think this is unfair BUT it is the norm.

Over the past few years with the support of several local schools I have sent good quality unwanted second hand uniform out to Freetown – generally when volunteers have been travelling.

With the new support of Westminster Group PLC this is something that I hope to develop further.



The photo above shows 40 girls at Christian Hope School wearing Gingham dresses donated by Bishop Carpenter School in North Newington and another group at the school have their “new” sweatshirts, polo shirts and jumpers.

As with many appeals things start to “snowball” - I have been inundated with blue, green & yellow Gingham dresses. I have found a junior school in Kalaba Town whose uniform is blue & will be sending 75 dresses on the next shipment.

Christian Hope school pupils received footballs donated by **Goodwill & Growth for Africa UK.**

All they need now is a kit to play in - if you know of a team that is changing it’s kit next season and has any old good quality kit please get in touch.

Some great achievements listed here **WELL DONE ALAN.** Ed.

### **Hillcrest Rotary Club, South Africa**

At the Shadow Council I mentioned a possible informal twinning with Hillcrest Rotary Club, Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa a Club of 18 members that I have visited on 4 occasions during my 3 trips to SA.

They are a great bunch and very involved in a great number of projects in their local community and an Interact Club. The suburb of Hillcrest is situated between Durban & Pietermaritzberg and although a very nice area they are very much at the "coal face" of poverty.

My thought is that we often go looking for International projects or have appeals from the same BUT often we know very little about the project, or it's transparency, and often having donated varied sums of money we get very little feedback or actually know whether our money has done what we intended until of course we are approached again for more support from the project again.

I feel a link with Hillcrest Rotary would be a great step forward, we would have constant feedback via the Kingfisher magazine, latest 2 copies attached, and would be safe in the knowledge that "our" money is being well utilised by a Rotary Club working with many worthy causes.

I am not suggesting in any way that we support them exclusively as regards International donations but feel it is well worth consideration. It may also be worth looking at the possibility of linking our new Interact Club with theirs.

Alan Wolstencroft.

### **Sample Bulletin from Hillcrest Rotary Club..**

Our meeting venue was again the Stationmaster's Arms as President Carl and the members welcomed Alan & Joy Francis from Armidale, NSW.

Alan was a Group Study Exchange team leader to our district in 2005 and together with fellow Rotarians provided the funds that enabled Makaphutu to purchase their school bus.

Alan's colleagues PDG Harry and Joyce Durey are accompanying Alan and Joy on their visit, but were unable to be at our meeting. Harry and Joyce are also benefactors to our district's projects.

There was an opportunity for our visitors to catch up on the progress of the various projects they had assisted with and they expressed their pleasure at seeing how successful they had turned out to be.

Our visitor's host Dennis, had taken them to the Rugby International between South Africa and England in Durban, then got them to play bowls for our Rotary Club in the annual challenge against the Kloof Rotary Club. In both cases this was a first for them!

It was later learned that Alan and Joy had magnanimously made a personal donation of R4,000 for our projects!

The editor asked if anyone had a surplus working computer that could be used by Sifiso in his Friends of the Community project. Robbie Howes advised that he could help out.

Our contact at the Rotary Club of Banbury Alan Wolstencroft, has suggested that we might consider closer cooperation or twinning with them. Our members gave the suggestion full support and the editor would pursue the matter as time allows.

Our order for illustrated dictionaries has been delivered to Cape Town. The editor will take care of their collection and distribution once their arrival in Durban has been notified.

Martin is handling the East Coast Radio winter warmth blanket requests and eventually their collection and distribution. Please submit your motivated requests to him as soon as possible.

Dennis reported that our annual bowls match against the Rotary Club of Kloof was a great time of fellowship with almost all of the participants being novices. Despite the editor's team winning by a considerable margin, the overall result went in favour of the home side and it was the editor's pleasure to present the trophy back to their President Gary Sharpe with congratulations on a great time of fun and fellowship.

This coming Saturday sees us back at the Blood bank to assist with getting the customers to donate blood, enjoy a free Boerewors roll and also find out a bit about Rotary.

IF you have not been able to assist at this event recently, please try and put in an hour or so between 08h00 and 14h00 on Saturday 16th June to give the regulars a break.

#### **Reminders:**

Editor requires working cell phones for HCAB & BF.

Possible project assistance and twinning from the RC of Banbury.

Confirm PHF nominations.

Confirm Induction Dinner attendance.

**Closing.** Sergeant Ian, obviously good at the task as he has been called upon twice in three weeks, gave us a few comical UK school exam answers before President Carl won the wine-less raffle and missed the jackpot.

#### **Coming Up!**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> ; Monday 18h30 for 19h00, Induction Dinner, Le Domaine.

July 16<sup>th</sup>: Blood Bank promo 08h00 to 14h00. (an hour or so each).

#### **On the Lighter Side.**

A sheltered single guy, assisting his widowed father in the family business, meets and falls in love with a stunningly beautiful woman.

This is the girl for me he thinks and mentions that he stands to inherit R500 million from his dad. She is impressed and asks for his card.

Three days later she's his step-mother! What a financial planner!

## **Speaker Reports.**

**8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012 JASON GIBBINS (EDITOR BANBURY GUARDIAN)**

### **TREK TO THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE AFRICAN ATLAS MOUNTAINS IN AID OF PROSTATE CANCER CHARITY**

No stranger to speaking to Banbury Rotary Club, Jason's talk on this occasion covered his sponsored trek to The Atlas Mountains in aid of The Prostate Cancer Charity.

Starting as a vague notion over a beer, Jason and his friend Simon McGrath started dedicated training to get fit for the trek which took place over three days in early May. He had been told that fitness was a priority in what was difficult stony terrain and a marked contrast between day and night temperatures. Arrival at Marrakesh in 45 degree heat was followed by a seven hour trek on a reasonable track in temperatures topping ninety degrees from the foothill village of Imlil, 1740 metres above sea level.

For the next day, the climb got tougher and with aching muscles, the effects of altitude sickness became evident and this without any remedy or warning. New friends were made and Jason soon learned that whilst he was one of the younger members of the seventeen strong party, the others were more experienced in climbing and generally in a fitter condition. So much for 50 hours a week behind a desk and smoking he thought.

So, into the remains of the winter snowline and with sustenance of soup and mint tea, at 5am on the third day it was time to go to the summit of the highest mountain in North Africa. This was achieved after a four hour climb of 900 metres to the top at 4167 metres. What an experience to be the highest people in North Africa! After a "quick hug" and take in the views it was time to come back with many memories of a personal achievement of stamina and new friendships and with tremendous satisfaction of exceeding a fund raising target of £2500 to over £4300.

Jason's talk was well illustrated with a film show of the route and scenery and he referred to The Banbury Guardian article detailing the day to day progress of the trek.

Asked about the next expedition, Jason remained guarded as to a reply as any newspaper man would.

An extremely unusual and successful charitable trek was rewarded by Club President, John Bennett by making a donation of £100 on our behalf to The Prostate Cancer Charity. Congratulations to Jason and Simon.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Rotarian Jonathan Meredith.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Diane Partington, Digital Magic Memories**

Diane Partington is the Managing Partner of Digital Magic Memories who came along to the lunch to tell us about the work she does restoring, enhancing, repairing etc photographs. The slide show was fascinating showing us how, if you have a row with your partner/friend and ripped up a photograph of them, she could put the pieces together like a jigsaw and then recreate the photograph.

Other examples were of old photographs that are sepia but had grown dimmer or edges had become broken up. It was wonderful to see them brought back to normal and in fact enhanced not only with the sepia but also in colour – having asked the owner of the photograph what the hair colour would have been and what did they think the clothes colour would be. Wedding photographs that have had coffee tipped on them, photographs of loved ones going to war all creased up by keeping them in their pockets, all brought back to better than normal – absolutely delightful.

There was one photograph of a graduation ceremony that had gotten a little torn on the edges and Diane copied some of the people in the background to places on the photograph to make up. In fact there was one photograph of a Grandmother with her new granddaughter and the centre of the torn photograph was missing. Diane was able to create a blouse that the grandmother would have been wearing.

Diane can also put lots of photographs families into large pictures, showing all the generations and celebrations of one's family. The one she showed us was the one she had done of her own family.

There was one photograph of a lady with her late father in a group and whilst they all had posed well, the lady was pulling a strange face. Diane asked the lady to send some photos of herself and she was able to superimpose the better shot of her into the group photograph which thrilled the lady and she had the photograph framed.

Diane's presentation was fascinating and there is a website [www.digitalmagicmemories.co.uk](http://www.digitalmagicmemories.co.uk) if anyone is interested in seeing some of the slide show again and I'm sure a lot of us will be sending old or damaged photographs to her to repair and enhance.

Rtn Helen Morris





### **An illustration of what can be achieved.**

### **Committee Reports.**

#### **Community and Vocational.**

We are hoping to have a presence at both the Canal Day, and Banbury Show.

We have again been asked to run a charity event at The Old Ford Rally at Gaydon on 22 July.

Blood Pressure day is to be October 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Foundation.**

**The Club have reached their target of sending \$100.00 per member to Rotary Foundation.**

Forthcoming events include:- Car evening at Charles Swains' on 16<sup>th</sup>. August.

Christmas Festival of Music 15<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Church.

#### **Sports&Entertainment:-**

\_Golf :- Bigwood Trophy is fixed for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. August.

Probably going to Dogs at Oxford for an evening meeting.

Golf competitions to be arranged, also awaiting date for the 4B's competition.

#### **International:-**

The visit of the Birmingham Chamber Orchestra will take place at Bloxham School on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **Youth Opportunities.**

Interact, talks are on going with Blessed George Napier School and it is to form an Interact group at the school this should commence at the start of the next academic year in September.

Two participants have been selected from the Frank Wise School for the next R.Y.L.A. expedition.

The dates have been fixed for Children Singing for Children , 13-15<sup>th</sup>. November 2012 because of an excellent response from schools it may require a fourth night.

The Young Musician competition will be held again at Sibford School, the heats on 18 & 19 March and the final on 2 March 2013.

Practice interviews are to be carried out at the Warriner School also for B.Y.H.P.

#### **Classification & Membership.**

It is proposed to have a stall at the Banbury Canal day to promote Rotary and our Club without the need for fundraising.

## **Treasurer's Talk.**

### **Where the money goes**

During June payments have been made to the following:

#### *Dragon Boats*

Banbury Print & Design (Progs) -	£285
Mobile Toilet Hire -	£696

#### *Mock Interviews*

Banbury Print & Design (Certificates) -	£97
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#### *Party for the Blind*

Caroline Rathbone (Exps) -	£55
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#### *Dragon Boats Stall*

Pat Thomas (Exps) -	£44
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#### *Banbury Show Stall*

Pat Thomas (Exps) -	£44
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#### *Birmingham Chamber Orchestra Concert*

Bloxham School (deposit) -	£25
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#### *General*

Leonard Cheshire Disability -	£400
The Prostate Cancer Charity -	£100
Anjali Dance Company -	£200
Chernobyl's Children -	£500
BGN School -	£500
BYHP -	£500
Leonard Cheshire Disability -	£400
RF(UK) Polio Plus -	£200
Silver Star -	£600

"Free Funds" currently stand at just over £6,300

### **Thank You**

It was a most unexpected and wonderful surprise when Immediate Past President John gave me the gift of a magnificent pen at his Valedictory meeting, and I thank you all not only for this gift but also for the tremendous support that you've given me over the many years that I've had the pleasure of working closely with so many of you whilst looking after the Club and Trust Fund Accounts. Thank you all very much indeed.

Ron Barnett  
Past Treasurer

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**-- A Bit Of English For You --**

To write with a broken pencil is pointless. - When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months. - When the smog lifts in Los Angeles , U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail. - A will is a dead give away.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed. - With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it. - Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.

A boiled egg is hard to beat. - When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting arrest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory. - A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds. - The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye. - Acupuncture: a jab well done.