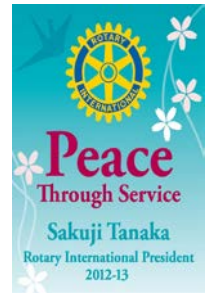




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The Rotary Club of Banbury



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

President Ian Rodrick

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BANBURY'S FIRST INTERACT CLUB IS ESTABLISHED.



The Banbury Interact charter presentation was held on Tuesday 23 April at the Freemasons Hall Banbury.

The evening was attended by District Representative Mike Ware who presented the new Club charter to Rosie Beaumont. The Banbury Town Mayor Rotarian Tony Ilott, Banbury Cherwell President, David Clarke, attended together with our President Ian Rodrick and many Rotarians from Banbury and Banbury Cherwell also Banbury Rotaract Club.

Rotarian Ian Anthistle led the evening's proceedings with short speeches from Mike Ware, Ian Anthistle, Banbury President Ian Rodrick and the incoming Interact President. The enthusiasm shown by the members of the new Club based at Blessed George Napier School are a great example of the best of the youth of today. They had themselves organised and carried out the

evening's events with great expertise. The Raffle was a great success with no one escaping the clutches of the ticket seller.



Rotarians John Bennett, Ian Anthistle and Banbury Town Mayor Tony Ilott with members of the new Interact Club.



Rodrick's

Ramblings

This month has been tinged with sadness for us all with the news of Fred Timms death. Fred had been a member of the club since 1981 and was our President in 1997/98. He has been a part of Rotary since I joined and will be remembered particularly for his generosity in opening up his home and garden for our annual "Tea and Swim" for many years. He was also much involved in organising our club's weekend at District Conference. On a more personal level, during my time in the secretarial chair and as President, Fred invariably sat adjacent to the top table and would surreptitiously pass me a mint at the end of the meal! We all must have our own memories. I have written to Joyce, on behalf of the Club, expressing our sorrow and regret that some of us will miss Fred's funeral, on Thursday 9TH May, as we will be "en route" to Olten. On a more positive note April saw the presentation of their charter to our Interact Club. This was a really joyful evening, attended by the Rotaract Club, representation from our colleagues in the Cherwell Club and quite a few of our members. This was a real triumph for Ian Anthistle and John Bennett and I would remind members that there is an on-going responsibility to these young people who have to have a Rotary member present at their meetings. It would be to our mutual benefit to involve them when possible in our activities.

Speaker Reports.

MG – Going in Style.

Our speaker on 5th April, all the way from Bedford, was John Day, President of the MG Car Club. This is the largest one make car club in the UK and his enthusiasm for his hobby was very evident. John told us how he became interested in cars at a very early age and showed us a series of photographs of all the MG's which had passed through his hands over the years – and as a classic car enthusiast myself, I can assure you that there was some very desirable machinery in their number. As he said in answer to a question from the floor, you tend to get hooked on one make and with MG this is quite understandable, because of the wide variety of models which are available. Indeed, his every day driver is a current model MG "F", whereas the historic cars now in his stable are from the 1920's and 1960's. Old car enthusiasts tend to split into three groups. Those who just like to drive (and there's nothing wrong with that), those who like to fettle or restore old cars and those who like to do both. As a qualified

engineer, it's no surprise that John is one of the latter, having completed some impressive rebuilds of some very rare, important cars and then regularly driving them on tours around the UK and the continent. The best classic cars are those that are used and enjoyed, not just to stand in a museum as an investment. John told me after the meeting that he is only the 4th President of the MG Car Club since it was formed in the 1930's, Cecil Kimber the founder of the MG mark being the first. He obviously feels proud to have been appointed President of such a successful club. As a postscript to John's visit, while we were discussing the difficulty of finding spare parts for old cars, I happened to mention that I had in my garage an offside front wing for a Midget, which I'd been trying to sell for several years. John immediately showed interest and a deal was struck before the pudding arrived. What a great lunch!! Thanks you Helen for arranging this speaker.

John Bennett.

Talk on Friday 12th April by Tim Pocock Chairman of Oxfordshire Magistrates.

“What is a Magistrate”

In England and Wales during March 2011 to 2012 during March 2011 to 2012 3976000 crimes were reported to the Police with 649000 reported crimes ending up in Court. These figures do not include motoring offences and some 200000 lesser crimes like not having a T.V. licence.

There are about 1200 Courtrooms in England and Wales with some 24000 lay magistrates down from 30000 five years ago.

All offences start life in a Magistrates Court in front of 3 Magistrates plus the Chairman of the Court. This team take Pleas and decide on bail or custody. There are three categories of offence.

1 Summary Offence:- Common assault

Assault on a Police Constable
Low level offences.

These are dealt with in the Magistrates Court.

2 Indictable Offences:-

Murder
Kidnapping
Grievous Bodily harm, etc.

These are automatically sent on to the Crown Court, bail or not.

3 Either way Offences:-

Theft
Burglary
Sexual Assault
Pornography, etc.

These can be dealt with by the Magistrates Court or sent on to the Crown Court at the Chairman's discretion.

The Magistrates Court having heard all the evidence can decide on the following actions:-

Absolute discharge.

Conditional Discharge.
Fines up to £5000
Community Order i.e. unpaid work up to a maximum of
300 hours, up to 6 months in prison.

A one third discount is allowable if the offender admits his crime.

The purpose of the Court is to:-

Punish
Rehabilitate
Reduce Crime
Protect the Public
Reparation

Mr Pocock made a very good job of presenting to the members a very difficult and complicated subject for which we thanked him for his time and hard work.

John Brodey.

On April 26th. John Phillips gave us the latest in the series of "My Life" talks, presented by the more senior and long-serving members of the Club and a most informative and entertaining talk it was.



John explained that he was a "Man of Kent", being born almost eighty years ago east of the River Medway in Canterbury. Had he been born in Kent west of the Medway he would have been a "Kentish Man".

As a young boy he became a boy chorister in Canterbury Cathedral Choir and thereby a pupil in the choir school. After seven years in the Choir School he transferred to the famous Kings School, Canterbury, where he excelled in sport, especially cricket and rugby, which was to stand him in good stead for the rest of his life. From Kings School he gained a place at St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, but

taking up his place there was delayed until he had completed his National Service.

John undertook his Army Service in the Royal Signals at Catterick in North Yorkshire where he was Commissioned as a National Service Officer. He remained at Catterick throughout his National Service, something he attributed to his reputation and ability as a sportsman, and it was while at Catterick that he met his future wife Jean, also a native of Kent but then working as a teacher in the North Yorkshire town of Richmond.

On leaving the Army he took his place at Oxford where he read Engineering, but he was able to use his enthusiasm for sport to good use, particularly in cricket, at which he played for the University, often against First Class County Teams.

After University John became a Graduate Trainee in Production Management for the Northern Aluminium

Company (later ALCAN) but after four years he was appointed Industrial Relations Manager responsible, among other things for negotiations with Trade Unions. He eventually transferred to the Banbury Factory as Personnel Manager, later being appointed Director of Human Resources, undertaking the last two years of his service with ALCAN at Gerrards Cross before retirement.

During his time in Banbury, he has been very involved with Banbury Cricket Club and Banbury Rugby Club, both as a player and Club Officer, and he still retains strong links with both clubs, as well as following his passion for Golf as a member of Brailles Golf Club.

John became a member of the Rotary Club of Banbury in 1981, being President in 1991/92. Stan Crump.

Committee Reports.

Community and Vocational.

The "Help for Hero's" concert with Banbury Symphony Orchestra will be held on 13th. July at St Mary's Church. The District Wheel Appeal, the baton will be brought to us by Bicester club and we have the onerous duty of passing it on to Banbury Cherwell Rotary Club.

Foundation.

Stephens Summer Steaming to be held again this year on 21st. July 2013.

Sports & Entertainment.-

There will be a new date for the Club Quiz.

The Bigwood Trophy is to take place on 27th August.

The Club Outing was held on Tuesday 9 April 2013 visiting Birmingham, "Back to Backs Museum and Cadbury World. An enjoyable day.

International:-

This year's Contact Meeting is with Olten Switzerland on May 9-12th with the option of staying on for a further three days at the Hotel Kusnacht on Lake Zurich, a hotel at which we had stayed at previously. John Hansford has arranged this and the flight. The Banbury Show "It's a Knockout" Competition will be run again this year, it is hoped to have 24 teams taking part. Andrew Fairbairn would like more suggestions for teams he can contact to take part.

Youth Opportunities.

There has been a lot of concern as to the poor organisation of the Regional final, and these concerns have been passed on to the relevant organisers.

Rotaract, Interact.

The Interact Charter has now been presented and the B.G.N. Interact Club is now officially up and running. Ian Anthistle and John Bennett are overseeing this operation. An excellent evening was held and the Charter was presented by the District representative with the Town Mayor attending together with many Rotarians and Rotaractors.

HON SECRETARY –David Sullivan

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