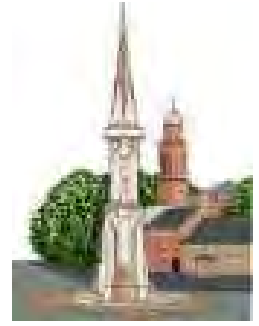




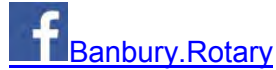
# The Banbury Bulletin

**The Rotary Club of Banbury**  
Rotary International  
Club No. 19229 District 1090  
President John Hansford



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**Rotary National Golf Finals Day**  
**The Leicestershire Golf Club**  
**Monday 9th September 2013**  
**Rotary Club of Banbury**  
**Third Place**

Team:  
Rtn Bernard Goodchild  
Rtn Malcolm Nutt  
Rtn Phil Cavill



Our club entered this competition for the first time in 2013. The competition began in June with a knockout tournament to win the District 1090 final. Eight teams entered, Malcolm Nutt & Phil Cavill played in the first match for Banbury against Witney at Tadmorton Heath. The competition format was pairs match play just like the Ryder Cup and they duly won 2 & 1.

Malcolm playing off a handicap of 6 is our club's most accomplished golfer, he then picked up an injury to his neck & shoulder that required an operation so was unable to play again in the District Competition.

However he did leave a clear instruction for the players in the next two rounds that it was important to win the District Competition as the final was at the club where he learnt to play golf and indeed won the Club Championship in 1981. If we got through to the finals he committed that he would be fit to play again.

Our semi final in the District Competition was against High Wycombe again at Tadmarton, Ian Rodrick and Phil Cavill represented the club. Somehow we managed to get back to one down on the 17th hole, Ian Rodrick then played to the peak of his golfing abilities to win the 18th! Back to level and then Phil managed to sneak a win with a par on the 1st extra hole.

Through to the final then against Princes Risborough, the game had to be played on a neutral course - Studley Wood Golf Club was chosen being equi distant for both teams. Bernard Goodchild was called up for the team to play alongside Phil Cavill. Bernard had one of his best days and with a magnificent pitch to the par 5 17th managed to win the hole to put Banbury 1 up. A half on the par 5 18th was secured to win the match and get through to play at the Leicestershire.

The format was changed for the National Finals with teams of 3 representing each club in a stableford points game off full handicaps. Malcolm, Bernard and Phil represented our club with the best two scores counting for the team. When we left Banbury it was pouring with rain and we feared the worst. Arriving in Leicester the sky cleared and we had wonderful weather on a great course. The greens were as quick as any I have played on and the course was superbly prepared. Banbury scored 66 points and led until near the end when Consett came in also with a 66 and finally Tamworth won with 68 points. Banbury was placed 3rd on countback and won £1000 for our clubs Foundation Polio Fund. Consett won £1500 and Tamworth £2500 for the same cause.

All our golfers thoroughly enjoyed the competition which was well organised by the Rotary Club of Leicester. With match funding from R.I. we were told a total of £15,750 had been raised for Rotary's Polio Fund.



Report by Rtn Phil Cavill

And a photograph of all the golfers at the cheque presentation to President John – with Phil getting a little over excited

### **And continuing on the golf theme**

### **The Keith Bigwood Trophy by Rtn Malcolm Nutt**

Keith Bigwood was Chairman of Round Table and on his ladies night in the late 1960's, he felt unwell and told his wife to go ahead to the event, held at the Whateley Hall Hotel. He never did catch up with her on the night and sadly died that evening. It was a terrible shock to all in the service clubs and totally unexpected. His wife gave some thought as to how he could be remembered and donated the magnificent Keith Bigwood Trophy on the basis that all four service clubs in the town namely Round Table, Lions, 41 Club and Rotary would get together once each year and play a competition to win the trophy.

The competition was first played in 1970 and has been played for every year since then. It is unique in that it is the only event when all four service clubs get together either as organisations or socially in their respective groups and is always at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club. The competition has always been hotly contested but there is a great deal of camaraderie and friendship that goes with it too. I understand the social side was especially important in the early years after the match, but then the breathalyser came in to tone things down slightly!!!

The winning team has not been the same throughout, but Rotary seems to be the dominant force on the golf course, between the four groups. Since 1970, Round Table have won it four times and joint winners once; 41 Club have won 6 times and one joint; Lions won thirteen 13 times, but Rotary have won nineteen times and joint winners twice. Indeed, Rotary holds the record for the most number of consecutive wins, being 7 wins from 2005 – 2011.

In 2012, there was a tie for the trophy between Round Table and Rotary, but after putting it to our Clubs' vote, due to the small number of times Table had won, we gave the trophy to Table to make it their third win in 42 years of trying!! This has obviously spurred Table on as they won again in 2013, the 43rd time the event has been played. All four service clubs are now having some difficulty in raise a team of 6 players and regrettably, Lions have not been able to field a team for the last two years. We can hope that this may get reversed in future years.

The tradition of the Keith Bigwood trophy will none the less continue and all who play in the event seem to thoroughly enjoy the game even if it rains for much of the day. There is no other specific get together between all four clubs and when the time comes to assemble for play for the trophy, there is a general feeling that it is a shame that is the case.

The winning Club in one year organises the competition the following year. This now falls to Round Table again for the 2014 playing and I am delighted for them, having done the organisation for 6 out of the seven times we won up to 2012. I will, however, get my team in training in good time to try to make sure we get the trophy back once more next year, the forty fourth playing of the competition.

### Speaker Reports



**5<sup>th</sup> Friday meeting  
30 August 2013**

**Bob Brind-Surch  
Welcome to Tanzania**

**Host Rtn Stephen Jakeman**

The fifth Friday meeting in August was held at the Wroxton House Hotel where we had an excellent meal. Our speaker was Bob Brind-Surch on "Welcome to Tanzania". Bob was a teacher who took early retirement to spend time photographing wildlife in Africa and particularly in Tanzania where he also leads people on safari holidays. He showed us many stunning photographs of the countryside and animals including wildebeest, elephants, lions, hyenas, also birds including malibu storks, undertaker birds and weaver birds and, of course monkeys. I have to admit that I was so fascinated by the slides and his reminiscences that I failed to take enough notes. But on the basis that a picture paints a thousand words – here's a sample of Bob's photographs.



And some more.



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**Alice Vickers**  
**The Global Poverty Project**

**Host Rtn Surinder Dhesi**



On 13th September 2013 Alice Vickers gave an interesting presentation about The Global Poverty Project. The vision statement of the organisation is 'To live in a world without extreme poverty, within a generation.' Alice explained the key change goals.

- \*Better Aid: To ensure that foreign aid is targeted towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
- More Aid: Every nation we operate in should work towards investing 0.7%Gross National Income in foreign aid.
- Better Trade: A fair and balanced trade relations are important to tackling poverty, and want to see improvements in the multilateral trading position of developing countries.
- \*More Ethical Trade: Working currently to dramatically increase the market share of ethical traded consumer goods to provide fair wage access to millions.

**20 September 2013**

**Jane Miles  
CEO Katharine House Hospice**

**Host Rtn. Rtn Roger Worrall - Trustee**



After the death of his then 20 year old daughter Katharine from cancer in 1984 Neil Gadsby started Katherene House Hospice Trust with a number of other local people in 1985 to raise funds to build the hospice, this was very succesful culmilating in the hospice opening in 1990. Neil has been Chairman of the Trustees since 1985 and has also managed the hospice since it opened on a day to day basis with the Executive Directors reporting to him. At a Trustees meeting in 2012 Neil suggested that we should be looking into sucesion planning as he was then approaching 77 years old.

It was decided that we should appoint a full time CEO, to coincide with the retirement of the Executive Business Director in 2013. Following a recuitment and selection process Jane was offered the post of CEO she joined us unofficially in January unpaid until she started officially in April. In her career Jane has progressed through nursing to senior nursing posts and has held senior positions in NHS Management in particular in the commissioning of services, she also has legal qualifications.

Today Katherine Hospice derives approximately 35% of its operating costs from the NHS, this has to be negotiated each year with Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire & Warwickshire NHS commissioning authorities. We now have a game keeper turned poacher I believe the expression is.

Unfortunately the Hospice has to comply with many NHS rules & regulations together with Care Commission inspections etc, these rules are forever changing. Then as a large organisation with 95 staff and over 400 unpaid volunteers there are all of the usual organisation day to day operating issues together with the headache of continual fund raising initiatives and running 5 shops.

Jane is an excellent administrator and is currently reviewing all of our operations and procedures and is already making a significant difference to the successful running of the Hospice. Jane shared with us her vision for the next few years of how she is planning to involve the local community and businesses in supporting the hospice to enable the clinicians and nursing staff to continue to provide and improve the care that they provide for the patients and their families.

### **Visit to the Rotary Club of Brackley**

**Banbury Rotarians  
at Brackley Club's BBQ  
with President Irene Childerley  
Stowe Gardens, National Trust  
18th September 2013**





Children at Farthinghoe Community Primary School are always ready to help those less fortunate than themselves. Every year we look towards raising money for good causes and after a Powerpoint presentation during an assembly in September and a visit from Rotarians John Bennett and Bob Nurden to display a Shelterbox, erect the tent and answer questions; all children were enthusiastic to help raise enough money to buy a Shelterbox.

Three school Charity Ambassadors were appointed and set about to plan a few fun ways to raise the £600 target. There was great commitment from all children and staff.

- Smartie tubes were given to all children and staff; to eat the smarties and then fill each tube with 20pence coins.
- In October we had a successful second hand book sale after school for children, family and friends.
- The proceeds from most of our weekly Friday cake stall went to Shelterbox.
- A Pyjama Day was arranged for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 when all children and staff came to school in their pyjamas, slippers, dressing gowns and onesy's too!!

We raised £600 after just six months. The school invited your then President Dr Ian Rodrick to receive the £600 cheque in order for us to buy our Shelterbox. We thank the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Banbury for all their help and support particularly the generosity of helping us purchase a second Shelterbox in our name. As a school we can now track the Shelterboxes which the children are thrilled to do.

We would also like to let you know that children from Key Stage Two (aged from 7 to 10) took part in the Young Shelterbox National Illustration competition.

*Every year, Shelterbox run a national illustration competition which sees primary schools bringing disaster stories to life with their pictures. The stories are written by local authors Claire White and Heather White. The books tell tales of communities affected by earthquake, flood and tsunami and show that when people help each other, they can start to get back on their feet again.*

Young Shelterbox are delighted to be working with well-loved author and illustrator Michael Foreman for the duration of the project. Michael gives a great deal of support, kindly donating his interpretation of the theme to the competition. The children who win the competition get published in the disaster books and are invited to a special book launch event in London where they have the chance to take part in a unique illustration workshop with Michael.

Two of our children Megan Elson and Beth Ellison (both aged 11) have been chosen as winners of the competition and will have their pictures published in the next Shelterbox book 'The Day the Bombs Fell' We are very proud and thrilled about this recent news and thought you would like to know since you are great supporters of Shelterbox and the work they do.

Thank you so much from everyone at Farthinghoe Community Primary School



**Alan Wolstencroft, Banbury Rotarian & Goodwill & Growth for Africa UK Trustee working with & supported by Rotary Clubs in the UK and Africa**  
**“making a real difference in Sierra Leone”**  
**Registered Charity 1092028**

So Alan, what's next I hear you ask? The toilet block is nearing completion BUT as it is already fully funded I am starting to fundraise to build the first 2 of a possible 8 classrooms at the Waterloo School - this would enable the junior & secondary school to be on the same site and all in permanent classrooms. Banbury Rotary Club will be donating funds from its November Children Singing for Children event and Goodwill & Growth for Africa have already pledged to support the initial 2 classrooms costing £6,000. I will fund 2 classrooms at a time and see how it goes. In 2007 I set out to fund 6 classrooms, not knowing the time scale - that was achieved in 18 months! I am hoping that a similar time scale may see a similar result – fingers crossed, wish me luck.

### Members enjoying a drink at the bar



**but would the 'boss' let John slouch around the Wroxton like this?**

### Tour de Trigs by Rtn David Sullivan

It was going so well. The team had built up to around 20 miles in training and getting fitter, although it was sobering to realise that it was five outings before we had accumulated the same mileage we will do in the event itself. There were a couple of mishaps on finding the route, which in the event could cost us dear, but generally our map reading was good. Then Alison Warren injured her back and had to pull out. After that boot problems have twice caused me to suffer severe blisters, leaving me hobbling.

Our appeal to Club for a replacement third team member did not produce any volunteers but Andrew has hopefully managed to recruit a third member. At the time of writing we have yet to meet up but hope to do so and confirm the team soon. Although not a Rotarian Council has agreed that we can enter as a Rotary team. So onwards to yet more pain - why did I ever agree to this!

## President John

I have just realized that we are 25% through the Rotary year – time flies. After a hectic period leading up to the start of the year I suppose inevitably things slowed with the holiday period.

In early July in conjunction with Banbury Symphony Orchestra we held a concert at St. Mary's Church for Help for Heroes. Thanks must go to John Bennett who was the Club's co-ordinator of the event and I accompanied him last week to BGN School where a cheque for just over £2600 was presented to the Charity.



Stephen's Summer Steaming was again a great success, the weather was good, the barbeque sizzled and Clair and Stephen's hospitality was as always wonderful. I believe that we also raised £700+ for Foundation. Martin also said that Stephen's dahlias were fantastic.

In early September the District Governor John Greening formally attended our Club meeting to meet and talk with members and to let us know what is happening at District. I received an email from DG John saying how he had enjoyed the meeting and thanking us for the generous contribution to the End Polio campaign

We now move forward into the next quarter of the year which I know is going to be busy. Canal Day is on the 6<sup>th</sup> October with the Fellowship & House and Community & Vocational Committees combining their efforts to 'man' a stall. There is President's Lunch on 20<sup>th</sup> October at The Wroxton House Hotel and I do hope that everyone that can will attend. This is followed by Children Singing for Children from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November as usual at St. Mary's Church and then the Barrel Organ collections, Christmas Festival of Music and the Joint Service Clubs Carol Service all in December.

I do hope that members are attending Committee meetings and joining in with events – Remember RI President Ron Burton's message - Engage Rotary, Change Lives

## Around the Committees

**Membership** considered and approved an application for membership and that has since been circulated to Club. Further discussions were held concerning a scatter and the bulletin and website/social media. The Committee will join with Community & Vocation to have a presence at Canal Day.

**Sports & Entertainment** have plans for all the usual activities and are also considering options for visits and events, including a treasure hunt. There will be a visit to Mercedes Formula One on 7th November.

**Foundation** are on target for the Club's annual contribution. The next ambassadorial scholar, Adonis Martin, has arrived and he will visit club shortly. Plans for the Family Festival of Christmas Music on 14th December are in hand with a revised and more family oriented programme. The committee are also examining a senior school Children Singing event for polio funds.

**Community & Vocational** did not meet in September but the Street Organ collections have now been firmed up as December 14, 21, 23 and 24.

**International** are looking at a few events including a walk and 'solstice splash'. Alan Wolstencroft gave an update on his endeavours in Africa as explained elsewhere in this Bulletin

With its usual efficiency **Youth Service** has events in hand. The Committee heard that BGN Interact were down in numbers due to members having left for university but they were busy recruiting. A fund raising bag pack at Marks and Spencer had been held with Surinder Dhesi's help, which had raised £162 and had been given to Polly to help feed the homeless. There have been more requests from schools for Practice Interviews, which the Committee are examining to see whether we could meet what are onerous further commitments.



## Committees continued

**Council** heard reports from all the above and spent time discussing a big project, on which further enquiries will be made. Attendance at committees was also discussed. Council agreed

that the Tour de Trigs team, who had found a third member but who is not a Rotarian, could be entered as a Rotary team and that any sponsorship the team raised could be for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

## Someone out there either has too much spare time or is deadly at Scrabble



DORMITORY

When you rearrange the letters:  
DIRTY ROOM

PRESBYTERIAN

When you rearrange the letters:  
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER

When you rearrange the letters:  
MOON STARER

DESPERATION

When you rearrange the letters:  
A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES

When you rearrange the letters:  
THEY SEE

THE MORE CODE

: When you rearrange the letters:  
HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES

When you rearrange the letters:  
CASH LOST IN ME

A DECIMAL POINT

When you rearrange the letters:  
IM A DOT IN PLACE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO

When you rearrange the letters:  
TWELVE PLUS ONE

## Editor's piece

District Governor John Greening made some interesting observations when he spoke to Club on 6th September. He noted our lack of involvement in District and identified a lack of information on what we were doing for the community. These are valid points but which, being a busy club raising sizeable funds and doing considerable community work, are difficult to answer.

It's true we don't work much with District or other Clubs. Is this because we are preoccupied with our own affairs? John asked if we had carried out an appraisal of the local community's needs. I'm not sure we have done. Should we be evaluating the effectiveness of what we do? If the Club is reactive rather than proactive does that mean we miss opportunities?

Do the missed opportunities also extend to promoting ourselves? We use the local press only occasionally. The modern way though is through websites and social media. Ron Barnett is keen to use these but seldom gets material. If we want the world to know what we are up to, then we need to use these mediums. We need to say what we're about to do, say what we're doing and then say what we've done. Being coy or introvert doesn't get the Club noticed or gain recognition. Every member can help. It does take effort but the rewards, whether in membership or more successful events, mean we can do even more good work.

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