



The July Diary

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Didn't he do well!



You know our Club is unique, it's very special, it has great camaraderie and a positive can do attitude.

I say this because you experience the buzzing atmosphere at our meetings and social occasions. We enjoy each other's company, we are good at organising events, and people who visit as guests often comment positively on this. Just last week Asst D.G. Keith Crawford said 'the Banbury club runs like a well-oiled machine'.

So why are we respected this way? Well, it all about the people - because if we, the members, love what we do, it's a pleasure to participate, we Light up Rotary and that really does come across.

This year we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of our Club Charter and like my 79 predecessors, I felt some trepidation and nervousness as the year in office approached.

With such a successful club, 'steady as she goes' has been the guiding principle, as well as evolution and tweaking the few things that needed to improve.

So I would like to thank in particular Ian Calderbank, Owen Kyffin, David Hitchcox, Paul Gardiner and Mark Recchia for their help with the plans and preparations we made for 2014/15.

Ian and I have worked well together and agreed we would use the officer succession process in place and look ahead three years, to get consistency in our planning - so expect more of the same next year.

Socialising with partners was highlighted as being important to our members, so we have reinvigorated our fifth Friday meetings, with fresh venues and themes. (remember the Antiques Road Show at the Wroxton House Hotel last July, the Halloween theme Murder Mystery, Burns Night Supper and the recent Spanish Wine and Tapas tasting). We enjoyed good feedback about the St Georges theme Presidents Night too, (well done to Fred for leading the community singing). All of these events have been well attended and I would like to say how much your support has meant to me (and to Di).

My thanks go to the Fellowship and House team led by Stephen, to Sanchia and her catering team here at the Masonic Hall and also to Programme Chair Helen for their support.

They ensure our weekly meetings run smoothly. There have been some very good speakers including three sponsored students. If I had to pick the one speaker that I enjoyed the most though, it would be Rotarian Stewart Maxwell's life story which both fascinated and moved me emotionally.

My thanks also go to Nigel Yeadon and the Sports and Entertainment team for arranging an excellent and varied programme finishing with the Wykham Park Farm visit last night. My personal favourites were go-karting and our visit to HMS Belfast and Tower Bridge, which were both great fun. One of our members got lost though. I have an award to present to Malcolm Douglas for his perseverance in negotiating Tower Bridge and the River Thames. Malcolm - this award is called the Compass Medal.

We wanted to improve our communications and Light up Rotary in Banbury. So we purchased the gazebo, flags and pull up banners jointly with the Cherwell Club; they have been well used at many events since. We've freshened up our website to make it more externally focused, and our Monthly Bulletin has a new look. Our press coverage has been better than ever. We now use Facebook and Twitter reasonably well. Only last week we had 3,000 views for Ian's postings on the Banbury Show and have nearly 2000 followers on Twitter.

As we improve our reach and use of social media, I would hope it becomes a tool to advertise and sell tickets for our events. Thank you so much to Ron, Reg, Ian, Owen and Bernard for your help with the communication project.

Apart from having fun and enjoying ourselves, Rotarians volunteer to serve communities. The

engine rooms for our programme are the Service Committees and they have worked well this year.

A big thank you to all the Chairs, Project leaders and committee members for your fantastic support over the last 12 months. Our programme and that of our daughter club Cherwell has helped to Light up Rotary in Banbury this year.

So - Simon, Ron, Alan and Geoff - you have led your committees exceptionally well and I thank you for your support.

Additionally, we were flexible enough to take on the Food Parcels project at Christmas and our disaster emergency committee rapidly organised two street collections following the outbreak of Ebola in Africa and for Shelterbox after the Nepal earthquake.

All your work has resulted in donations of around £44,515 to local, international and Rotary projects this year. Well done and thank you to all who have contributed their time and effort.

We are a large club but we need high numbers of active Rotarians to run our full programme.

Last July we challenged members to invite a guest to one of our events or meetings during the year, in the hope they would enjoy the experience and become potential members. Thanks to John Smith and his membership team we have inducted 6 excellent Rotarians this year. Thank you everyone for making them so welcome. I hope Peter Wilkins, Simon, Colin, Peter Richardson, Nigel and Ashley are enjoying being in our great club.

Both Di and I have enjoyed representing you at all the events we have attended. Some personal highlights have been :-



- The Banbury Town Mayor's day parade where along with President Dorothy and Martin Cantrell from Cherwell we somehow managed to be in the wrong place in the parade and marched down the High Street between two bands before saluting Mayor Sean Woodcock,

who incidentally, was a great Rotary supporter during his year.



- We were invited to attend a service for the new Peace Garden at Sibford School. It was opened by the parents of an ex-student killed in Afghanistan. The garden had been planted with 500 Rotary crocus bulbs, it was a cold winter's morning but a beautiful service and the whole school attended.



- We had a very enjoyable evening at the Samaritans Charity Ball where some £25,000 was raised. Our bids for the auction items failed miserably though, (mind you, who would want to pay £1,500 for a signed Steven Gerrard shirt?!)



- We really enjoyed the Banbury Service Clubs Carol Concert, it's the only occasion the Rotary Clubs, Inner Wheel, Round Table, 41 Club, Lions, Tangent, and Probus join together. We made some useful contacts and it's always good to sing Christmas Carols.



- This year's District Conference was in Telford. Di and I were pleased to support DG Tim Cowling and Linda. There were good business sessions, guest speakers and we enjoyed excellent fellowship. Seeing Surinder enjoy the formula 1 simulator race cars and the roulette table was also a joy.



- Another highlight has to be the Contact visit to Aalen Heidenheim. It was the first time we have stayed with hosts in their home and I can report it was a good experience. Our German hosts had a great programme, we enjoyed great hospitality and made many friends. Next year's visit is to Villefranche en Beaujolais, I hope we see some new faces from our club attending this lovely wine region next year.

Just before my final few words, let's take a moment to remember those we have lost recently - namely Michael Banks, a long serving and dedicated Rotarian and also Irene, wife of Rotarian Harry Matthews. (please raise your glasses to absent friends).

The final paragraph in the my Presidential handover speech last year said - 'This year we celebrate our 79th Anniversary. Like all my predecessors I am merely here as custodian for one year. The aim is to have fun and leave the club in good health, so that we will prosper for many more years to come.'

This last year has been a great privilege for me and an enjoyable for Di and I. I hope you think it's been a good year too.

We have helped to Light up Rotary in Banbury and this has been recognised by the recent award of the R.I. Presidential Citation.

The club is in great shape and I know Ian Calderbank will take us forward to even greater heights.

Thank you all for your support during the last 12 months.

Phil Cavill Valedictory Speech

Banbury and District Show



On Sunday 14th June we were again present to promote Rotary and raise some funds at the annual Banbury and District Show.

Some of the fitter chaps put the gazebo up whilst Helen supervised amid much muttering!

Pat arrived about 8.45am. and Helen was busy getting everything sorted along with John, when Pat and her friend Brenda quickly got to work.

The weather started off over cast and everyone was wrapped up expecting bad weather but about 11.00 the sun poked through and it turned into a lovely day.

We finished about 5.00pm and it had been a great, successful day which we all enjoyed.

Pat Thomas

Gala Mid-Summer Evening Concert



This year celebrates 25 years of running the Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition under the expert guiding hand of Rtn. Gareth Jeremy, who has undertaken this task with the impressive enthusiasm and commitment that we have come to expect from him.

Thanks to the great success of the event, our Club has benefitted from some great publicity in producing winners that have moved on to great things in the world of music.

To celebrate these achievements, Gareth organised a Gala Mid-Summer Evening Concert held at Tudor Hall School on Sunday 21st June.

Past Young Musician of the Year winners who are now professional or semi-professional musicians entertained us with a potpourri of musical genres from the avant-garde to classical in recognition of the role that the Young Musician Competition has played in their musical career.

Performances were given by:

- Marcel Zidani - winner in 1991
- Bethany Porter - winner in 2000
- Lucy Downer - winner in 2003
- Kris Reader - winner in 2004
- Umito Choji - winner in 2007
- William Dibble - runner up in 2012 District 1090 Competition
- Tavia Lewis - winner in 2015

The concert was attended by a capacity audience and the proceeds raised of over £2,200 will be donated to Katharine House Hospice.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Award



Students Josh Miles and Anna Read from the Frank Wise School's Post 16 provision, having successfully achieved new levels of independence through their work at the Griffiths Centre, recently took advantage of an opportunity to put their skills to the test at the Calvert Trust, situated in Exmoor.

Away from the regular home and school comforts and support of familiar staff, the young adults booked themselves in for a weekend of outdoor adventure!

The students braved the centre's zip wire, abseiled steep rock faces and canoed the icy Devonshire waters whilst fending for themselves for 72 hours under the discrete supervision of the centre staff.

This trip, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Banbury was the fourth such offering. Senior teacher in the Griffiths Centre, Dean Cooke, shared his delight with the students and said :

"We strive to establish new, motivating and challenging opportunities for all students in the Griffiths Centre in order for them to develop their independence in real life, functional settings. We offer our own residential trip each year but the Calvert Trust weekend takes this one step further and thanks to the hard work of Banbury's Rotarians, it is not an additional cost that families have to find. The students consistently return full of confidence and go on to achieve even greater things, including delivering a series of presentations to different audiences about their experiences".

Anthony Munday
Technology Coordinator
Frank Wise School

A Banbury Safari!



On 25th June a group of intrepid members of our Club set out for a farm walk (well actually a ride on a trailer pulled by a tractor), around Wykham Park Farm, followed by an excellent BBQ.

Thank you John and Julia Colegrave for a really interesting farm visit, and to Bob Thompson for the organisation and BBQ afterwards. The fact that the cattle tried to eat our straw bale seats from under us was no deterrent!

It is pleasing to report that none of the animals on the farm were in any way harmed by the wild life visitors!

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Our Club



The Rotary Club of Banbury is a volunteer service club made up of people active in local business, professions and community activities. First chartered in 1935, we presently have over 70 members. The main objective of Rotary is "Service above Self" and the phrase 'We're for Communities' drives our programme of activities.

Each year our projects raise money for good causes in the local community and internationally. These include arranging concerts such as "Children Singing for Children", where pupils from more than 20 local Primary Schools perform as individual choirs and as a massed choir, raising funds for children's charities. Our "Crocus Concerts" for Secondary and

Primary Schools highlight the international campaign by Rotary and the WHO to eradicate polio worldwide and the net proceeds are used for this purpose.

We help in young peoples' development through competitions such as Banbury Young Musician and Young Chef, arrange Practice Interviews at schools, offer places on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award courses and Youth Exchange Visits, and provide bursaries for engineering students at University.

We organise a party for the blind and partially sighted, help to distribute over 300 Christmas parcels locally to those in need, and provide manpower and logistical support to other charities.

However, being part of Rotary is more than just giving back to the community. It is also about the reward of using skills, experience and enthusiasm to good effect, while making some great friends along the way. Our club is a friendly place which meets regularly on a weekly basis and invites good speakers from a wide range of backgrounds. It also has an active social life and the fun and fellowship continue at District, National and International levels with Rotary Clubs all over the world.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak to any Rotarian or complete an enquiry form on our website www.banburyrotaryclub.org.uk where you can also find out more about us.

Ian Calderbank

Welcome to Rotary

We are absolutely delighted this month to have welcomed a new member into the Rotary Club of Banbury and the worldwide family of Rotary.



Ashley Bedding whose Classification is "Government Services / Communications".

Congratulations



Our very own Maurice Humphris has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List for services to the community in Banbury.

Congratulations Maurice a very well deserved honour as Banbury would be a much poorer place without you.



Also one of our very own Gareth Jeremy was honoured to receive this year's Cherwell Community Award for lifetime achievement.

Congratulations Gareth a well-deserved award.

Club Assembly



Introducing the Club Assembly on Friday 19th June
President Elect Ian Calderbank said:

"This year under Phil's leadership we have been busy and had a lot of fun. I hope to build on that inheritance. There is a saying "If it aint broke don't fix it" so I'm pleased that your Committee Chairmen and the leaders of our major projects have all expressed the wish to continue. However, because of Alan's election to 2nd Vice President I have made two changes to Council. Ron will take over from Alan at Foundation and Andrew McHugh take over from Ron at International. One other change is with our Press and Publicity Officer. Bernard has done a super job, particularly with the Banbury Guardian, but because of new work commitments he has asked to step down. Bernard, we thank you and hope that you will help your successor Brian Gardner as he starts.

There are a few other changes which I will outline now. You have told us that you enjoyed the two Fellowship meetings without speakers so, next year we plan four or maybe five such meetings.

Phil has worked hard to improve co-operation with our daughter Club Banbury Cherwell. I hope to grow that further and extend it also to Inner Wheel and Rotaract. To that end, at our evening meeting on 31 July we shall host these other Clubs. It will be a dinner at the Banbury House Hotel with magical entertainment. We shall also help Cherwell at their Cycling Event on 12 July and Ian Anthistle will coordinate our efforts there.

This year we have welcomed 6 splendid new members to the Club and to bring them up to speed we shall have a "New Members" evening at my home on Wednesday 29th July.

For each Rotary year, the incoming President of Rotary International chooses a theme. This year it has been "Light up Rotary". Next year it is "Be a Gift to the World" and you may have seen already in our Bulletin the speech by RI President Elect Ravi

Ravindran. Our Club can claim to be a gift to the world already with our major projects helping many people. Most of these projects will continue next year, the one exception being the Christmas Festival of Music which we have decided needs a rest.

So those are the changes. Now, I want to raise the issue of communication. Good communication is essential for a successful Club and we are a large Club. Phil has made great efforts to provide feedback from Council meetings with notes which Committee Chairmen pass on at their meetings. These notes are also published in our Bulletin but, if you don't attend Committee meetings or read your Bulletin you will not keep informed. Committee meetings are important for planning our activities but they also provide opportunity for such communication and closer fellowship than we can achieve in our busy lunchtime meetings. So I urge you to attend your Committee meetings and, if for some reason you cannot make one please show your Chairman the courtesy of apologising in advance. You will see next year's Committee Membership lists on the Notice Board with the Duty Rotas.

External communication, if done well, also benefits the Club, telling good news of our successes and advertising forthcoming events. However, we need timely and interesting news to publish. We are trying hard to exploit social media, we being predominantly Ron on the website, Phil and I on facebook with Bernard, soon to be Brian, in the Press. On occasions we see real benefits from our efforts but we do need information, and particularly good photographs. So, project leaders and Committee Chairmen you who do such a super job of organising things please feed us with appropriate data or ask one of your team to do it. It's difficult to remember to do this in a timely fashion but we need to make the effort.

Finally, a reminder that on Saturday 24th October we shall celebrate the 80th Anniversary of our Charter. Please make a note in your diary. It should be a good evening. I believe, looking at our programme, the teams in place, and you wonderfully supportive and active members that we are in for another great year. Let's enjoy it!

1st Vice-President Elect Owen Kyffin then gave reports on behalf of the Chairmen of the Youth Services Committee, the Community and Vocational Services Committee, and Brodey Bursary Committee.

Youth Services Committee - "This Committee has continued with a full programme of long standing

existing projects using well established procedures of previous years. We intend continuing with these activities.

We are fortunate to have experienced project leaders whose knowledge is invaluable in making these events so successful. Planning and progress rolls on in advance and succession from one Rotary year to the next.

Planned events:

RYLA Weekend course Friday 19th to 22nd June 2015
two Frank Wise students booked and paid for at Calvert Centre, Exmoor

BYHP Interviews periodically carried out with some positive feedback being received.

Children Singing for Children Work in progress. To be held at St Mary's Church, Banbury 9th to 12th November 2015 This is a major Charity fund raiser.

Young Chef Competition in conjunction with the Rotary Club Banbury Cherwell Club. Dates TBA February/March 2016.

Young Musician Heats 15th and 16th January 2016 held at Sibford School. Finals 27th February 2016. Winners are given the opportunity to progress to District finals and beyond.

Youth Exchange Annual program offering a range of Short or Long Term International Exchanges, also Camps and Tours for young persons between the age of 15 and 25. As a club we have been asked to sponsor individuals from our district who have responded to the RIBI web site. It mainly involves Interviews, vetting and assessment of candidates' suitability.

Requests for support are received from individuals, groups and organizations. We have adopted a transparent procedure in assessing worthiness and need in all our decision making.

In conclusion I have to say that it would not be possible to run our major events without the wholehearted support provided by many other members of this Club, for which we are grateful.

Geoff Pollard"

Community and Vocational Services Committee -
"The next twelve months will be slightly more demanding for the Committee.

We are proposing that we continue with our usual well established activities:

- Xmas street organ collections for four days in December.

- Canal Day.
- Banbury Show.

These planned events are clearly aimed not only at raising funds but as importantly, raising the profile of our Club in our community and demonstrates our willingness to help play our part in delivering other community based events.

We will be looking at whether we should increase/enlarge our presence and fundraising activity for the 2016 Banbury and District Show. Additionally we will attempt to increase the Vocational based activities for the Club.

- Party for the Blind is also planned.
- Xmas food parcel delivery formerly 'owned' by Banbury Round Table will now fall to us to organise and action.
- The Panto Bus will spend a day entertaining pupils from Frank Wise School.

Your Committee will continue to vet requests for financial help from individuals and organisations and not put forward any such requests to you until we are satisfied that a positive response is appropriate. Our hard earned donations must clearly make a difference. I am particularly pleased that we have responded positively to help parents buy specialist equipment for their special needs children.

To state the obvious none of the activities can be achieved without your active help which we have fortunately enjoyed.

Your help will be needed again on 6th September when we will be asking for volunteers for marshalling/stewarding duties at the Banbury Scout's charity walk plus Canal Day on 4th October.

Simon Bion"

Brodey Bursary Committee - "The position of the Brodey Bursary has changed very little since my report to the AGM in March this year.

Despite extra efforts to find suitable candidates including an article in the Banbury Guardian secured by Bernard Goodchild, we only have three applicants at the present time.

As no more money has been paid out I believe that the Bursary fund still stands at about £11,000 which is enough to fund two applicants starting university in September 2015 plus two new applicants starting in September 2016; plus of course the four engineering students currently benefitting from the bursary.

We will need to fund £1,500 this September which will leave sufficient funds to help two more engineering students in 2016.

Interviews for this year's candidates will take place at Norbar Torque Tools, Beaumont Road during 1tle last week of August when exam results are known.

John Brodey"

Rtn Ron Barnett then gave reports on behalf of the Chairman of the International Committee, and for the Foundation Committee.

International Committee "Please accept my apologies for absence. I am currently commemorating the defeat of a tyrant by the combined forces of Europe at The Battle of Waterloo, 200 years ago this week. One would have hoped that this victory could have helped Europe, if not the whole world, to achieve a lasting peace but sadly as we know it was not to be.

For the coming year, I will endeavour to build on the good work of Rotarian Ron Barnett in supporting international projects. In particular we will continue to support the great work of Rotarian Alan Wolstencroft in Sierra Leone. We will also endeavour to fund shelter boxes and water boxes through fund raising activities that will include a 'Snookathon' in the Bandstand in Banbury Town Centre and by a repeat of the 'Bollywood Evening' at Sheesh Mahal and Horsefair Surgery in the autumn.

As a committee, we will aim to support street collections for international emergencies as and when they occur.

Andrew McHugh"

Foundation Committee - "The Committee will continue to ensure that the Club makes its anticipated contributions to Rotary Foundation and the End Polio Now project, and explore ways in which we might be able to utilise both District and Global Foundation Grants.

We are proposing that we continue with our usual well established activities:

- Encouraging members to make gift aided donations with their annual subscriptions due on 1st July.
- Stephen's Summer Steaming.
A fun packed day of train rides and activities on 19th July.
- Encouraging members to make gift aided donations in lieu of Christmas Cards.

- Frugal Lunch to raise funds for Foundation on the Friday nearest to Paul Harris's birthday in February.
- Support the Rotary Crocus Campaign by encouraging primary schools to plant crocuses by supplying them with Grow Your Own Crocus Packs.
- Thanks for Life - End Polio Now. Crocus Concerts will again be organised for local secondary schools to raise awareness of and funds for the End Polio Now project.

The President's End Polio Pot will continue in the hands of Alan Wolstencroft much to the disappointment of the two-puddings brigade!

We have already agreed to act as a host for a Rotary Scholars visiting our District, and Martin Phillips has again generously volunteered to act as the lead on this.

The Committee will endeavour to assist and advise other committees how they might take advantage of both District and Global Grants. District Grants up to £1,500 are available for local, national or international projects, and Global Grants can turn a Club's contribution of \$10,000 to a project into over \$30,000 for that project.

Rotary Foundation is our charity and we will do all we can to support it, hopefully with the help of every member of the Club.

Ron Barnett"

This was followed by 2nd Vice-President elect Alan Wolstencroft giving reports on behalf of the Chairmen of the Fellowship and House Committee, the Speaker Committee, the Classification, Membership and PR Committee, and the Sports and Entertainment Committee.

Fellowship and House Committee - "Stephen Jakeman with his team will again work to ensure that our weekly meetings are well run and managed.

Stephen Jakeman"

Speaker Committee "I have been the Programme Chairman for nearly three years now and have again enjoyed it and am doing for one more year for incoming President Ian Calderbank.

Whilst we can never know what the Speaker will be like, please let me now if you do not enjoy a particular Speaker. Any advice or comments would also be helpful.

I have appreciated lots of potential Speakers contact details being sent to me via the Secretaries and members who have heard or know the Speakers

they recommend. Thank you. So if you hear or know any Speaker please let me know and preferably their e-mail to invite them to come along.

I also need members to be Hosts for Speakers.

I hope you think that the Longer Serving Member Speakers have continued to be brilliant and it's been lovely getting to know more about them through their lives. We are now up to members who joined the Club in 1984 but also about 6 new members to give their My Life/My Talk.

I would like to thank the members who have hosted the Speakers and sent the reports for the Bulletin. Sending the reports to Ron Barnett for Bulletin as promptly as possible is really helpful for him to get the Bulletin ready to be printed by the end of each month. Thank you.

Other members I would like to thank are Andrew Fairbairn, Alan Wolstencroft, John Bennett and John Webb for sorting the slide show equipment when needed and setting up the microphones.

Helen Morris"

Classification, Membership and PR Committee

"Proposed activities:

- Canal Day Usual theme to promote the club.
- Banbury Show Usual theme to promote the club.
- New Members' meeting - an informative and fun evening for new members in July, dress is smart casual
- Carry on the excellent PR work with Brian Gardener.
- Carry on with processing Rotary applications.

John Smith"

Sports and Entertainment Committee "Not much to say on behalf of Sports and Entertainment at this stage except we will be aiming for a mix of activities both sporting and social much as before but I am always open to members suggestions for things to do, places to go.

I have already had some suggestions made to me by a few members, one of which was physically impossible, but most quite sensible!

One thing I am certain of even at this early stage - the Club Outing next year will NOT be to London!

Nigel Yeadon"

Speaker Reports

Dennis Bradley - How to visit 12 countries at no expense through the incompetence of the Air Ministry



On 5th June Denis Bradbury, founder president of the Rotary Club of Brackley and a Rotarian of 52 years standing took us back to VE Day in 1945 and regaled us with a tale of Air Ministry stupidity to equal any of the foolish ideas of recent governments.

Although the war in Europe ended in May the battle still continued in the Far East against the Japanese and it was foreseen by the Air ministry that there would inevitably be allied aircrew needing rescuing as the supply lines were lengthy and crossed large areas of sea.

Denis's squadron, No.514 in Bomber Command was transferred to Coastal Command and the crews of twenty Lancaster bombers were trained in air/sea rescue work and each had a self-righting lifeboat fitted into their bomb bays.

On 16th August 1945 Japan surrendered to the allies but none the less on 16th January the following year, 1946, five of the Lancaster bombers and their ground crews took off from RAF Thomaby in Yorkshire en-route for Pegu north of Rangoon in Burma (Myanmar), where the runway had been extended to enable the Lancasters, of the now no longer required air/sea rescue team to land.

They land first for re-fueling at an airfield north of Marseilles, by which time the Air Ministry had realized their mistake and cancelled the flight of the remaining 15 Lancasters.

Two balmy days in Southern France then on to Tripoli and then Cairo where two days of sightseeing ensued. On again to central Persia (Iran) which was not so enjoyable as they were all confined to an RAF base for two days then onwards to an airfield near

Karachi in India and then to Pegu on 27th January 11 days, 7,450 miles and 6 countries later.

Denis's aircraft carried out a demonstration lifeboat drop in Rangoon harbour, the only time the lifeboats were used.

After some months in Burma they returned by air, sea, road and rail to the United Kingdom some months after leaving RAF Thomaby, having various mainly enjoyable, experiences in Egypt, Palestine (Israel), Jordan, Syria, Cyprus and Malta en-route.

Denis delivered his talk at high speed due to business having over run slightly due to the induction of a new member and I think one country was omitted.

If anyone would like more detail find one of the seven members who purchased the entertaining book which Denis has written about his war service taking much of his detail from regular letters which he had written to his mother and she had saved.

Maurice Humphris

Allan Berry – “Rotary” Your National Magazine



It was my pleasure to host Allan Berry on the 12th June. Allan spoke to us about the bi monthly magazine 'Rotary' of which he is the managing editor.

A bit about Allan; he is a member of District 1100 eClub (and stressed that an eClub is, in his opinion, definitely a proper club). He is the marketing PR and Communications Chair of District 1100 and is a member of the RIBI marketing, PR and Communications Committee.

Allan has been in the role of managing editor of the magazine for just over a year. As a point of clarity he pointed out that the roll is unpaid and he drew minimal expenses.

Allan spoke of the significant changes made to the magazine after feeling the publication was a bit old and tired and needed a re-vamp. New publishers

were found and the magazine was redesigned in January of this year with the title 'Rotary' with a new front page, format and branding.

His objective is: - "To produce a professionally acceptable magazine, attractive to all whom have an interest in matters concerning Rotary". His aim is to produce a magazine that literally anyone could pick up and find an article that is interesting and read it and understand it. Acronyms and district numbers have been removed to aid accessibility and he expressed his desire that 'Rotary' could sit on any newsstand and be accepted as a professional looking type of magazine.

The magazine now has many interviews with people connected with Rotary and some not: the Jeremy Gillie interview ('Peace one day' June/ July issue), took 6 months to arrange; for the April/May issue he interviewed Esther Rantzen; and he is currently seeking an interview with Jude Law amongst others.

Allan also spoke of the 'Rotary Effect'. This is basically the effect you (as a club) are having, working and raising money in a community. Four pages of the Magazine are dedicated to news from clubs about the difference they are making. The strap line for this is "Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas and Take Action for Community".

Allan spoke of how it is important to find out what any money raised and donated was used for and not just that the money was raised; "Find out what the money did and that is your story."

Allan then went on to speak of publicity and showed examples of what made good photos and what didn't. A row of people "just standing there" is out, as are traditional looking pictures of people shaking hands. Action shots or pictures with children in are good. He spoke of a poor shelter box collection picture and said it would be have been much better to get the tent from a shelter box and photograph someone in it.

In relation to submitting press releases to the magazine, he suggested the following:-

- Good pictures: quality and content;
- Full details on a Press Release: Where, When, How, What;
- Interested in how the community benefits;
- It's not all about money;
- Please, please a contact number.

Finally, Allan reiterated that the magazine is our magazine and our promotion aid and to let him know how he could help.

Allan was thanked in the usual manner for his presentation and the great work he is doing with the magazine.

Nigel Deakin

Around the Committees

President's Business



In accordance with ancient tradition the last Council meeting of the Rotary year was a little less formal than previous ones, albeit a little like the old weather clocks with attendees moving inside and out to avoid the showers of rain.

However your Council members did manage to interrupt the eating and drinking long enough to transact some Rotary business.

Council is delighted that the Club will this year be hosting a young lady visiting scholar from New South Wales, and also that the Club had received a thank-you letter from Immediate Past DG Tim Cowling.

Council agreed to make up the surplus from the 25th Young Musician Anniversary Concert being donated to Katharine House Hospice to £2,500, and also to send a donation of £250 to the Leonard Cheshire Disability project "School 4 All in Africa".

A huge thank-you is due from all members of the past year's Council to Di for letting us invade her home each month and for her absolutely tremendous hospitality, very many thanks indeed.

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And now for something different

Why is English so Hard

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.
Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
But the plural of vow is vows, not vine.
And I speak of a foot, and you show me your feet,
But I give you a boot – would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
Then one may be that, and three may be those,
Yet the plural of hat would never be hose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shid and shim!
So our English, I think you will agree,
Is the trickiest language you ever did see.

Ode to the Spell Checker

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
It's letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me so.

The Month in Pictures



Weekly Meeting Duties for July

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
03-Jul	Handover Meeting Waitress Service	P. Thomas J. Webb	J. Cooke	S. Crump
10-Jul	R. Thompson A. Warren E. Watson Peggy Williams A. Wolstencroft R. Worrall	A. Wiltshire P. Wilkins	T. Taylor	E. Woodruff
17-Jul	N. Yeadon G. Anker I. Anthistle R. Barnett J. Bennett J. Brodey	S. Bion H. Braisby	A. Brace	S. Crump
24-Jul	T. Bryce M. Budd C. Clarke B. Cornley B. Doe N. Deakin	G.Csecs S. Dhesi	B. Gardner	R. Kipping
31-Jul	Evening Meeting	A. Fairbairn B. Goodchild		S. Jakeman

PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are unable to carry out your duties as shown above, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and amend the list. This applies to all duties, including table duties.

Speaker Programme for July and August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
3 July	Ian Calderbank	Presidential Handover	
10 July	Ian Rodrick	Longer Serving Member	Maurice Humphris
17 July	Philippa Stannard	Style Acre	Tony Wiltshire
24 July	Fred King	District Governor	President
31 July	Graham Anker	Now You See It , Now You Don't	John Bennett
7 August	Alan Wolstencroft	Sierra Leone	TBA
14 August	Andrew McHugh	Waterloo - Facts Behind the Myths	TBA
21 August	Jenny Cane	Hope and Home for Children	TBA
28 August		Fellowship Meeting - 2014-15 Slide show	