



The December Diary

2nd Rotary Meeting

3rd/4th Tour de Trigs

7th Community & Vocational
Committee

7th Classification &
Membership Committee

7th District Darts

9th Rotary Meeting

10th Xmas Food Parcels
Collection

11th Xmas Food Parcels
Distribution

13th Street Organ Collection

13th International Evening Meal

14th Foundation Committee

16th Rotary Xmas Lunch

17th Xmas Float

18th Street Organ Collection

18th Service Clubs' Carol Service
at Marlborough Road

20th Sports & Entertainment
Committee

23rd Street Organ Collection

24th Street Organ Collection

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President Owen's November round up

As we come into the busiest period of our Rotary year it's hard to believe we are already 5 months into my year as President. Thank you all so much for your support over the last 5 months and I am hugely looking forwards to the next 7!

It will have been reported on extensively elsewhere but I cannot let November go by without mentioning Children Singing for Children. This is a huge effort by the whole club and each year achieves what is a fantastic flagship event for the Club. We had 4 great nights this year and my personal thanks to everyone for their hard work and organisation. Especially thanks must go to Malcolm and Pat Dibb for catering - especially appreciated by me as I was coming straight to St Mary's from work so they really did keep body and soul together for me; Alan for his incomparable comparing even through an exploding piano; Fred for organising the schools; and of course Jonathan Meredith for his, as ever, steady hand at the tiller! Thanks of course to all the other Club members too numerous to mention who pitched in! As I say the event was a great success and the engagement on social media after the event left me in no doubt how critical CSFC is to our profile in the community.

On Sunday 13th October I was honoured to represent the Club laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day service in Banbury and, of course, encountered many many Club members who were also there supporting the Town's remembrance in a variety of different capacities.

On 19th November I was delighted to spend the evening with Rotarians Helen Morris, Martin Phillips and Annie, Mark Recchia and Karen and Simon Porter and Denise at the Samaritans' black

tie fund raising ball. We had a fantastic evening of fellowship, a great time and I heard only Tuesday that the event raised in excess of £11,000 for the Samaritans in Banbury.

On 23rd November Alan Wolstencroft and I attended District Council in Henley and found out a lot about how busy a District we are in. Alan gave an excellent and very well received account of our efforts in Purple4Polio, based on material Fred Riches had kindly put together for us.

So as we approach the end of 2016 it only leaves me to ask for your continued hard work during what is a very busy period of the year for us; to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and to look forward to 2017!

President Owen Kyffin

Events

Visits to Ardley Energy Recovery Waste Facility



On Monday 31st October and on Thursday 3rd November groups of Banbury Rotarians visited this multimillion pound operation. It is run by Viridor a privately funded enterprise that deals with all the Oxfordshire non-hazardous waste put in the green wheelie bins. In the past this would have gone into land fill sites incurring 'land fill tax' whereas now a smaller fee is paid to Viridor saving us ratepayers something around 5 million pounds a year. Land is not wasted, Oxfordshire residents are saved money, AND Viridor makes a profit, so it is a 'win win' situation.

The waste material is mixed, dried then burnt and the heat is used to drive a turbine generating electricity which is sold to the National Grid. Whilst surplus heat is cooled and dissipates into the atmosphere, in future it is hoped to be able to pipe this to nearby housing estates or businesses.

Burnt waste is sorted to remove metals and the remainder is stored for six weeks whilst chemical and other checks are carried out prior to being sent off for road building and the formation of items such as building blocks.

Sylvie Verinder the Visitor Centre manager was clearly well qualified in all aspects of waste disposal, she was enthusiastic, knowledgeable and a credit to her employers; she showed the Monday party around and her colleague Jessica Baker-Pike was in attendance during the Thursday.

The feedback from those who attended has been excellent.

Graham Anker

Children Singing for Children



Once again a very successful four days with children from many local schools getting together to entertain large audiences and raise funds for charities at the same time.

Remembrance Day Parade



Club members supporting the memory of those who have died in wars.

Crocus Planting

One of a number of events to promote polio eradication awareness.



This is one at North Oxfordshire Academy with students hard at work.

Samaritan Dinner Evening



Club members supporting this important charity which provides support for so many people at a critical time in their lives.

Champion of Champions

It's always a privilege to watch the top sportsmen in any discipline in action and on Saturday 12th November 5 of us got to see the top 2 snooker players in the world battling it out to become the Champion of Champions at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

Courtesy of Peter Williams we got complimentary second row tickets to watch Ronnie O' Sullivan and John Higgins in the first session of the final. The match ebbed and flowed each way until Higgins began to establish his supremacy in the evening session. These are 2 very speedy players and the games varied from a lightning 7 or 8 minutes to a more cat and mouse game over half an hour.

After the end of the afternoon session Peter had organised a behind the scenes tour for us which proved to be as fascinating as the play itself. We got down to the floor of the arena where the obligatory photos were taken, followed by a visit to the TV studio, and the commentary box, and were staggered at the amount of equipment needed to broadcast an indoor event of this type. The TV studio is totally glass fronted floor to ceiling which from the arena makes the commentary team look as if they are inside a goldfish bowl!

The event was broadcast live which meant that after each frame there was an advertising break and play could not recommence until the signal was given for the end of the adverts and a return to the live broadcast. Funny how the knowledge that you might be seen live on TV makes your nose itch uncontrollably!

Our thanks go to Peter Williams and to Matchroom Sport for a fascinating and absorbing afternoon's sport.

Nigel Yeadon

Speaker Reports

Peter Barwell – Who is Peter Barwell from No. 108?



We were pleased to welcome Peter Barwell, former Lord Mayor of Birmingham, as our speaker at our meeting on 4th November 2016. Peter gave us a fascinating talk, covering his life in the printing business, and his time as Lord Mayor including bringing the Birmingham Superprix motor race to the streets of the City. Peter now lives in Bloxham

and works as part on the management team running Bloxham Museum.

Nigel Halfpenny

Sierra Leone Update

Alan gave us an update regarding his latest visit to Freetown in October explaining that when he first went in 2005 it was for a “one off life experience” but it was a life changing trip and his recent trip was his tenth visit to the country.

Alan started by giving an overview of what Banbury Rotary have supported over the last 10 years at 3 schools that Alan is working with. This includes building and equipping 22 classrooms, 3 toilet blocks, an open plan multi-purpose hall, a library, 3 staff room/offices, a recreation area and a security wall around one of the school compounds. In addition 15 classrooms, a toilet block and a well have all been refurbished.

Alan went on to explain that a year ago he started supporting a fourth school and has funded the building and equipping of 2 classrooms and a toilet block and has installed water harvesting at the school. Whilst in Freetown he agreed to develop the school further, as they have increased the number of children from 85 to 123, and a second 2 classroom block incorporating an office, staff room and store is now under way.

Everything on site is done manually, including making all the concrete blocks, and the builders are all from the local community as this gives the community a sense of ownership of the project. Once completed this block will also have a water harvesting system installed and a handwash station will be created at the toilet block using basic rainwater harvesting.

It currently costs £10 per term for a child to attend the school and they have recently introduced a school uniform which costs £10 including a pair of shoes. Alan has received sponsorship from an anonymous donor who has underwritten the cost of providing school uniform for children if their parents are unable to buy one.

Alan explained that following a recent meeting held by the school community it was decided to re-name the school ‘The Banbury International Community School’ in recognition of the support from the Banbury area.

Alan concluded by thanking the Club, individuals within the Club and District and members of the local community for helping him continue to “make a real difference” to the communities in Sierra Leone.

The club were very appreciative of his efforts and thanked him for an extremely interesting and informative chat.

Harry Matthews

Special General Meeting



President Owen Kyffin with visitors Richard Smith and Peter Wilkinson from the Rotary Club of Witney.

Service Clubs' Carol Service

A reminder for your diary - Our annual carol service, with the other service clubs in Banbury, will be on Sunday 18th December at Marlborough Road Church starting at 6.30pm.

This happy occasion has become an essential part of Christmas for many of us, when we can celebrate with a good sing as well as enjoying mince pies and coffee with old friends.

I am delighted to confirm Lord and Lady Saye and Sele will be present, as will the Town Mayor.

At the planning meeting the club representatives decided that the proceeds of the offertory should be divided between the Marlborough Road Church (£100.00) and the Banbury Young Homeless Project.

Please come along.

Ian Rodrick

Weekly Meeting Duties for December 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
02-Dec	M. Dibb J. Donaldson P. Gardiner B. Goodchild N. Halfpenny T. Iles	J. Hansford C. Hughes	G. Jeremy	R. Kipping
09-Dec	A. McHugh J. Meredith G. Pollard R. Nurden M. Nutt M. Phillips	K. Manning H. Matthews	H. Morris	S. Maxwell
16-Dec	Xmas service Waitress service	H. Braisby R. McLean	D. Sullivan	S. Crump
23-Dec	No meeting			
30-Dec	No meeting			

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 December & January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
2 Dec	Nigel Halfpenny	Longer Serving Member	Owen Kyffin
9 Dec	Neil Gadsby	Katharine House	Roger Worrall
16 Dec	Bishop James Johnson	Down Under	
23 Dec		No meeting	
30 Dec		No meeting	
6 Jan		Fellowship meeting	
13 Jan	Greg Smith	Victim Initiative Restoration Justice	Nig Randall
20 Jan	Roberto Di Matteo	40 years of working in the Licensed Trade	John Phillips
27 Jan	Ron Barnett	Rotary Foundation (frugal lunch)	



Christmas Card Donations



The following members have made a donation to Rotary Foundation in lieu of spending money on Christmas cards. This has become a tradition in our club and raises a useful sum of money (including Gift Aid in excess of £1,000) to the benefit of those less fortunate than us.

We wish you a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy 2017

Graham Anker	Ian Anthistle	John Bennett	Ron Barnett
Ashley Bedding	Tony Brace	Helen Braisby	Ian Calderbank
Phil Cavill	Brian Cornley	Stan Crump	Surinder Dhesi
Bryan Doe	John Donaldson	Malcolm Douglas	Andrew Fairbairn
Paul Gardiner	Bernard Goodchild	Nigel Halpenny	David Hitchcox
Maurice Humphris	Trevor Isles	Stephen Jakeman	Gareth Jeremy
Rupert Kipping	Owen Kyffin	Helen Morris	Harry Matthews
Stewart Maxwell	Reg McLean	Jonathan Meredith	Bob Purden
Malcolm Nutt	John Phillips	Martin Phillips	Geoff Pollard
Mark Recchia	Fred Riches	Ian Rodrick	David Richardson
John Smith	David Sullivan	Pat Thomas	Alison Warren
John Webb	Peter Wilkins	Tony Wiltshire	Roger Worrall
Nigel Deadon	Peggy Williams		