



The October Diary

- 1st Canal Day
- 4th Community & Vocational
Committee
Classification &
Membership Committee
- 6th Rotary Meeting
- 11th Foundation Committee
- 13th Rotary Meeting
- 17th Sports & Entertainment
Committee
- 18th Youth Services Committee
International Committee
- 19th Meet the Scholars Evening
- 20th Rotary Meeting
- 21st Cherwell Club 20th
Anniversary Charter Dinner
- 24th World Polio Day
- 25th Council Meeting
- 27th Rotary Evening Meeting

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President's Pen for September

It hardly seems possible but as I write this a quarter of the Rotary year has passed - doesn't time fly when you are having fun.

Once again the month has seen a real mix of speakers at our Friday meetings and I leave you to read speaker reports in other parts of the bulletin. On 8th September we had a visit from our District Governor David Pope, accompanied by his wife Halcyon and it was good to hear messages from both our DG, as well as the RIBI & RI Presidents.

On 15th September it was a privilege for me to present Martin Phillips with a Paul Harris Fellow Award for all his work for both Banbury Rotary Club and Banbury Cricket Club. It was great that Annie could attend, and witness Martin being lost for words, accompanied by Vanessa Picker last year's Rotary Scholar. After the presentation John Bennett delivered an entertaining talk as a long serving member.

The 29th September, a fifth Friday, meant we were joined by some of our ladies for dinner at The Banbury House Hotel. The turnout, 48, was good and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone. It was unfortunate that our planned speaker was unable to attend, having been taken ill, but Nigel Halfpenny stepped in to deliver an entertaining talk about education which was well received by the attendees - many thanks Nigel.

On Sunday 17th several Rotarians, representing various organisations, attended the Battle of Britain parade and I was present as the Chief Steward for the event. I know that some people felt I should have been in the Civic procession and I apologise if I caused offence to any members.

In the early part of the month, our very own Tim Bryce, completed his Thames Trek walking from Lechlade to Teddington, a total of 128 miles and we look forward to welcoming him back to the Club, relatively soon, when he completes his journey back to Banbury aboard his canal boat - congratulations Tim on a great achievement and we look forward to you talking to us about your Trek.

A lot of work is going on in the Committees and Working Groups behind the scenes to prepare for a busy programme of events over the next few months and I would like to thank all those who are giving freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of future planned events.

President Alan Wolstencroft



On Friday September 15th it was a great privilege for me to present a Paul Harris Fellow Award and as you are probably aware, we as a Club do not award these like confetti. They are generally awarded for service to the Club or Community - in this case the recipient fits both categories.

This person has been a “member” of the Rotary family from a very early age as his parents, both Paul Harris Fellows, were very involved in this Club. He was a Rotaractor, President in 1979/80, and joined The Rotary Club of Banbury in 1992, undertaking many Committee chairs and serving as President in 2007/08.

He is passionate about the Rotary Foundation & in particular the Scholars programme and we as a Club should not forget the great amount of work that he, and Annie, have done for this programme. Martin is also happy to allow Banbury Rotary Club to use the facilities, free of charge, at Banbury Cricket Club where he has been chairman since the '80s,

overseeing the move from Grange Road to White Post Road in the mid-1990s. He played a very active hands on role in coaching Youth Cricket at the Club and was instrumental in the establishment and the nurturing of a women's team.

He was Chairman of the Cherwell league for a number of years and is currently Chairman of the Home Counties Premier League.

Under his leadership the Club has raised its profile to such an extent that they have been chosen to host Minor Counties Cricket Association finals for the last two years. This is a huge recognition of what the club has achieved and the esteem in which it is held in cricketing circles and this is in no small way a testament to Martin's work.

Martin, please accept this Award in recognition of all your hard work and dedication for Banbury Rotary Club & Banbury Cricket Club.

President Alan Wolstencroft

Speaker Reports

Paul Burnett – Safeguarding



The speaker this week was Paul Burnett who was chair of the Oxfordshire Children's Safeguarding Board. As the club Health & Safety and Child Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Officer, I had met Paul at a seminar in Oxford where we discussed his role and his availability to talk to us. Paul was very keen in his recent new role in Oxfordshire to get to know other bodies and agencies who operated in his chosen sector and to establish lines of contact with them, hence my invitation to speak to us. At that time I explained to him how large and busy a club

we were, and how we had up to the present time administered our duties in protecting those with whom we worked in our varied programme of events throughout the year.

Paul realised that, unfortunately, from outside the board's structure they looked an organization of "cells" that did not interact with each other as well as they should and he was out to change this perception. The government "trigger" of the Children and Social Work Act 2016 and the document called "Working Together" had set forward new policies and procedures, and as the talk progressed he gave out various website addresses that could be accessed so that all legislation was available to those who required it.

The new telephone number that had been set up for the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) was given out, and this was the number that we could use to access any guidance to safeguarding issues that came to our attention. There were also local numbers that the public could use to voice any concerns, and by this method of contact it was hoped improvement of the present system would come about especially in the areas of child exploitation, grooming, and drug and alcohol related problems.

Paul gave the Secretary various notes and phone numbers that could be circulated to members and assured the assembly that he was working to ensure that all contacts were taken extremely seriously so that the "falling through the cracks" excuse and "lessons will be learnt" become phrases of the past. Also the reluctance of agencies to get involved where religious cultural or colour were factors would be strenuously targeted so that a fairer and more justifiable outcome would prevail in all cases.

The talk was both informative and very well presented, and Paul was thanked for his efforts and assured that he would be entered on our speaker list for a return visit in the not too distant future. The host requested the assembled Rotarians to show their appreciation in the usual manner which they enthusiastically did!

Rtn. John Webb

Wendy Martin – Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Today we were visited by Wendy Martin an official speaker for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf together with her daughter Laura who is an official volunteer and

helps with demonstrations. The third and most important visitor who kept herself hidden under the table most of the time was Betty the Golden Retriever.

Wendy started life as a normal child with good hearing but due to a genetic condition she gradually lost her hearing and has had to learn to lip read and sign. Wendy is now totally deaf but because she used to be able to hear her speech is normal. Unfortunately as it is genetic her twin daughters are also now losing their ability to hear.

Wendy is one of only a few people allowed to give talks and demonstrations for the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity which now has its own breeding stock because when it started 35 years ago the failure rate from the donated dogs was very high. Now with their own stock the pass rate is much higher with the main breeds being Labradors and retrievers.

When puppies are born they are assessed at about 7 weeks old and then passed on to people to be socialized until they are about a year old. In that time they go through basic training (e.g. sit, stay etc) and reassessed for further training after their first birthday. The further training involves things like responding to door bells, fire/smoke alarms, alarm clocks etc.

The dogs work through until about 11 years old if they are physically and mentally fit. If they are not then kept as pets (it is rare they are not!) there are many people willing to rehome them.

It costs about £40,000 to rear and train a puppy because of not only administration and 2 centres covering the entire country but also the specialist trainers who also assess the needs of individuals for their home and work environments.

When the dogs have been trained and assessed as suitable for an individual, the dog then becomes the responsibility of that person which includes food, vets and insurance.

Betty concluded the talk with a short demonstration of her skills including the smoke alarm.

Betty was then in receipt of much stroking and attention from many Rotarians after the meeting closed.

Rtn. Malcolm Dibb

And following on from this:

Community Champion of the Year Award



Hearing dog Betty has become the first four-legged winner of the Community Champion Award.

Events

The Wolf Run for the Beacon Centre



Thank you to everyone who sponsored me to do the 10 Km Wolf Run in September (Woodlands Obstacles Lakes and Fields). Louise, my wife, also ran and between us we raised £527 for the Beacon Drop in centre in Banbury where I work. This support really does make a difference to helping vulnerable and disadvantaged people stand on their feet again and moving forward towards more meaningful lives, so it has been gratefully received.

It was a lot of fun and as you can see we remained in good spirits throughout- despite the terrain being a little wet in places!!!

If the picture has whetted your appetite to have a go, maybe we could organize a team for next time? -I'll send a board round!

Rtn. Nigel Deakin

End Polio Now

The Rotary Club of Banbury is continuing to champion the End Polio Now campaign. This is just the latest campaign to form part of the drive to eradicate polio worldwide which was started back in 1988 by Rotary, The World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2007 the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation joined Rotary in its commitment to end polio and the campaign was further boosted this summer by the UK Government's announcement of another £100 million funding for the project.

The work of Banbury Rotary Club was acknowledged in the latest Newsletter from Rotary in Britain and Ireland as part of an article on contributors to the End Polio Now campaign. The Rotary International President had set all Rotary Clubs across the world a target of donating \$2,650 to the campaign.

Not only did Banbury Rotary Club come top of the 60 clubs in the Thames Valley District, with a total of \$10,168 donated, we came fourth in the Rotary organisation in Britain and Ireland. With Bill and Melinda Gates commitment, the \$10,168 becomes \$30,504 which goes direct to the effort to eradicate polio from the planet.

This is an amazing achievement by The Club and we owe a debt of gratitude to our hardworking Foundation committee, our Purple for Polio working party and our 'Polio Champion', Fred Riches, for driving this programme forward. The Crocus Concerts not only generated a significant part of the funds but also raised the profile of Rotary's involvement with the End Polio Now Campaign by involving ALL the local secondary schools. The planting of 47,000 plus crocus corms and the donation of crocus packs to local schools also gave a great deal of positive publicity to the campaign which translated itself into the support allowing us to make such a substantial contribution.

As a Club though, we are not resting on our laurels, having just sent off £2,000 as our first contribution to End Polio Now for the current 2017/18 Rotary Year. Thanks to everyone who helped in last year's efforts by planting corms, attending concerts and donating and please help us match last year's efforts again this Rotary Year!

Rtn. Owen Kyffin

Weekly Meeting Duties for October 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
06-Oct	J Webb P Williams E Woodruff R Worrall N Yeadon I Anthistle	A Warren G Anker	J Bennett	D Hitchcox
13-Oct	A Bedding J Brodey M Budd I Calderbank P Cavill B Cornley	R Barnett S Bion	T Bryce	D Sullivan
20-Oct	S Dhesi J Donaldson M Douglas A Fairbairn B Goodchild J Groves	H Braisby N Deakin	P Gardiner	S Crump
27-Oct	N Halfpenny T Iles G Jeremy K Manning H Matthews A McHugh	C Hughes O Kyffin	S Maxwell	M Humphris

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 October & November

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
6 Oct	Russell Fowler	Toastmasters	Ron Barnett
13 Oct	Sharon Graham	Citizens Advice Volunteers	David Richardson
20 Oct	Julia Styles/Philip Fine	Meningitis Awareness	Andrew Fairbairn
27 Oct	Chris Weight/Lise Jamieson	Welcoming Syrian Refugees in Cherwell	Fred Riches
3 Nov	Sue Riches	Piece Together	Harry Matthews
10 Nov	Bernard Goodchild	Longer Serving Member	Nigel Deakin
17 Nov	Rotary Special Meeting		
24 Nov	Fellowship Meeting		