



The January Diary

- 2nd C & V meeting
Classification &
Membership Committee
- 4th Rotary Lunch
- 8th Young Chef
- 9th Foundation Committee
- 11th Rotary Lunch
- 15th Ten Pin Bowling
- 16th International Committee
Youth Services Committee
- 18th Rotary Lunch
- 19th Young Musician heats
- 23rd Council Meeting
- 24th International Committee
Meal
- 25th Rotary Lunch

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President's Pen for December

The Early Bird Supper on 29th November was an enjoyable evening with good food and pleasant company. The next day brought a meeting at Tudor Hall School to discuss the President's Lunch arrangements for 17th March and also the second Fifth Friday meal of the Rotary year which was held at the Freemasons Hall - many thanks to Ashley Bedding, Nigel Halfpenny and Sancha and her team for organising a great evening. Our Speaker was Ian Scott-Hunter and his subject was "The Life of a Royal Footman" - his talk was extremely interesting and amusing and was followed by his wife Rachel who talked about the charity they have created to help severely disabled people which was inspired by the reduction in care services suffered by their daughter Alexandra now aged 46, who suffered a brain haemorrhage at four days old.

On Saturday I spent time at Milcombe Checkpoint 4 for the Tour de Trigs. The Rotary team manned the Checkpoint all day with it finally closing around 11.30pm. It was an enjoyable day and evening with a chance to spend time with Rotary colleagues and have a good chat. Well done to all members who spent time at the Checkpoint and well done to Paul Shea who served up a fantastic meal. On Sunday we collected the Sainsbury's food order and took it to the factory unit on the Southam Road where the Christmas Food Parcels will be made up. I had to take a time out in the middle of the day to attend the prize giving ceremony for Tour de Trigs at Warriner School. It was good to see many of the competitors, not surprisingly some had already gone home exhausted. The winners of the Senior event won by quite a margin which was little surprise as they were jogging along after 20 miles on reaching the Milcombe checkpoint. 13 of the 30 teams in the Senior Section (50 miles) finished the course, 6 out of 10 teams finished in the Junior Section (30 miles) and 9 out of

10 teams finished in the Taster section (15 miles). It was a great effort by all, young and not so young.

On Monday 3rd December we started to make up the Food Parcels and by the end of the day had made 193. We are aiming to make 265 in all. Thanks must go to the team involved especially my wife Jen and Ashley Bedding's wife Rosemary who packed the boxes after making many of them up - the boxes were generously supplied by Encase at no cost. On the next day all 265 boxes were made up and JDE supplied us with complimentary coffee for the food parcels.

Friday was a food collection day at Sainsbury's from 8am to 6pm and the produce was distributed among the parcels - it was a very generous collection of food from Sainsbury's customers worth around £600. Also at Friday Lunch our Speaker was Keith Davies from Volunteer Connect which is a project operated by Citizens Advice. He spoke about his organisation which provides transport for people when other transport isn't available.

On the 9th and 10th the Food Parcels were sealed and distributed to the organisations that asked for them. Many thanks to all involved in the planning, manufacturing and distribution of the parcels.

On Friday 14th we held our Rotary Christmas lunch including our wives and partners and friends. Thanks to Sir Tony Baldry who gave an interesting and thoughtful Christmas Address. We had an excellent meal provided by Sancha and her Team with good company and conversation.

To finish the calendar year we are carrying out five Supermarket Collections on 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th involving Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Tesco's supermarkets and on the 16th we will be manning the Father Christmas Float.

President Paul Gardiner

Speaker Reports

Keith Davies – North Oxfordshire Volunteer Drivers

On 7th December, the speaker was Keith Davies who heads up the volunteering advice and car service area of activity of our local Citizen's Advice. He had been invited to speak about Volunteer Connect, as the car service was previously known, so his talk

focused on this aspect of his work. The purpose of the scheme is to provide transport for folk who have real transport problems, mainly attending medical appointments whether at their GPs surgeries or hospitals, but clients with problems shopping are not refused if the need is genuine. A charge of 45p per mile is made in order that folk who need to be reimbursed for their fuel are not barred from helping as drivers, and it still means that journeys are much cheaper than by taxi, particularly as no waiting charge is made. There are about 40 volunteer drivers and the average monthly take up of 220 trips is an indication of the value of this service.

Rtn. Maurice Humphris

Xmas Float



7 members and two non-members manned the Xmas Float and enjoyed a memorable evening much appreciated by the local residents, many of whom came out to wave to Santa.

Street Organ

£4,247.21 was collected in aggregate from stints outside Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose. Many thanks to John Webb who serviced the equipment and for all those Rotarians who turned out to help. There was abundant interest in the street organs from adults and children alike.

75% of the money raised will go to Katharine House Hospice, up to a maximum of 15% to cover any deficit for the Xmas Food Parcels project and the remainder into General Trust Funds to be allocated to other charities and good causes in due course.

Sierra Leone Update

We have built a library & laboratory block for the secondary students and a library for the juniors at Liverpool School. We have also equipped both libraries with furniture and are just completing the purchase of all the textbooks covering all the subjects studied.



The first books - "making a real difference"



The Secondary library complete with lighting and a good number of books adorning the shelves.



We have also installed mains electricity into 9 classrooms at the school and to key areas of the compound. We have also sent literally thousands of pounds worth of school uniform & equipment, sports kit and knitted items to the 5 communities that I support.

This has only been possible with your support.

On behalf of the Communities in Freetown thank you and Best Wishes for the Festive Season & 2019

Rtn. Alan Wolstencroft

Purple4Polio Update

End Polio Now Worldwide Position on Christmas Day 2018:

29 Wild Polio Virus and 101 circulating Vaccine-Derived Polio Virus cases - as reported by Reg Ling - (RI Zone 18A End Polio Now Coordinator (EPNC) and RI Zones 11, 12, 13B, 17, 18A and 19 EPNC Team Leader).

Rotary International is committed to continue the eradication of polio campaign until the WHO declares polio is eradicated. This means the interruption of the transmission of polio viruses for at least three years, in the presence of agreed surveillance and when polio virus stocks have been contained.

End of 2018 Update on Our Club's Purple4Polio Working Group Activities for this Rotary Year:

- World Polio Day Event (October 23/24 2018) - Purple floodlighting of Town Hall a success. Good publicity from Banbury Guardian, Banbury Sound, Radio Oxford and on our Facebook/Twitter Pages;
- Corm Planting - John Bennett, together with Harry Matthews, ordered 50,000 corms on behalf of Banbury Town Council, Cherwell District Council, Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell Club and ourselves. These were all delivered and planted. Rotarians from our Club planted 15,000 on the Broughton Road Roundabout and 10,000 in St. Mary's Churchyard;
- Primary School Corm Planting - discontinued this year;

- Pen Sales - Pat Thomas has 400 P4P pens in stock ready for spring sales;
- Secondary Schools Crocus Concerts 2019 - Fred Riches, Charles Hughes & Maurice Humphris have booked "Crocus Concerts" at St Mary's in March. The dates are:
 - a. Tuesday 12th Bloxham, Sibford & Tudor Hall;
 - b. Thursday 14th Chenderit, North Oxfordshire Academy, Warriner & Wykham Park; and
 - c. Thursday 21st Blessed George Napier and partner primary schools;
- Agreed allocation of 45% to polio eradication, 45% to Helen & Douglas House and 10% to other Rotary Charities;
- Adult Choirs Crocus Concert 2019 - Ian Anthistle, Owen Kyffin, Fred Riches, Maurice Humphris & Charles Hughes have sent invitations to the six choirs that expressed initial interest. March fixture congestion led to the choice of Saturday 28th September at Mary's. We await responses in January;
- Purple4Polio Jam - Martin Phillips continues sales/receipt of cash-for-jam- filled jars; and
- Purple4Polio Pot - weekly offerings gladly received.

Don't forget polio - the polio viruses have not forgotten us!

Any new case may be the last one but surveillance, testing and immunisations must continue.

Rtn. Fred Riches

Two Examples of Aid without 'Tin Shaking'

Comments are sometimes made about the importance of the Club's presence in the

community undertaking projects which do not involve members holding collecting tins.

(a) Avon Dassett Country Show

Following the help given by Club members with car parking on 4th August, the chairman of the fete committee has advised that the following donations were made:

- £1,031.75 to Helen & Douglas House;
- £1031.75 to Macmillan Cancer Support; and
- £1,900 to other local groups and projects including the local Scouts and Explorers and for repairs to the roof of Fenny Compton church.

(b) ShelterBox

Members will be aware of the recent tsunami in Indonesia caused by activity associated with the volcanic eruption of Anak Krakatau. Whilst hundreds of people died, this emphasised the continuing need for aid to be provided to survivors of such disasters who have had their homes, livelihoods, local services and infrastructure destroyed. Clearly, this was just one of many that have occurred during 2018 and sadly will continue to occur throughout 2019.

One response by Club members is to give presentations to local organisations regarding the equipment that ShelterBox can provide in these situations and to explain the procedures that are followed. These not only highlight and explain the significant work of this charity, they often result in subsequent fundraising by the audience. Demonstrating the equipment (in contrast to showing slides) is a critical element of this exercise as it visually emphasises the importance and quality of the aid that is delivered.

Bearing in mind the above, the Club would like to increase the frequency of these types of presentations and anyone who is aware of any organisation (e.g. the Scouts Association, schools, other Rotary and voluntary clubs, old people's homes etc.) who would like a presentation should contact Rtn. Andrew Fairbairn on 07711 142887.

Rtn. Andrew Fairbairn

Weekly Meeting Duties for January 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Table Duty</u>	<u>Cash Desk</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>F&H in charge</u>
04 Jan	G Anker I Anthistle R Barnett A Bedding J Bennett	H Braisby M Budd	B Cornley	I Calderbank
11 Jan	S Bion J Brodey T Bryce P Cavill N Deakin	J Hansford G Jeremy	H Morris	D Hitchcox
18 Jan	S Dhesi J Donaldson M Douglas A Fairbairn B Goodchild	K Manning R McLean	G Pollard	M Humphris
25 Jan	J Groves N Halfpenny C Hughes T Iles O Kyffin	R Nurden M Nutt	N Randall	T Ilott

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 January & February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host</u>
4 Jan	Fellowship meeting		
11 Jan	Ian Calderbank	Famous Last Words	Roger Worrall
18 Jan	Rupert Kipping	Recruiting Gurkhas	
25 Jan	Ray Avery	Bloxham Mill	John Donaldson
1 Feb	Helen Anker	Life on Tour	Graham Anker
8 Feb	Alastair Welford	Friday Night Hooligans	Andrew Fairbairn
15 Feb	Mervyn Davies	Walking the Beat to Nirvana	
22 Feb	Frugal Lunch		