



President Richard Watts

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## Terry Waite receives Rotary recognition



Well loved British humanitarian Terry Waite has been awarded the top Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his services towards international understanding and peace.

RIBI president Ian Thomson presented the 69 year old from Cheshire with a Paul Harris Fellow with Three Sapphires at the recent Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in North Wales.

Mr Waite, a life president of the Eisteddfod, was delighted to have been invited to visit the Rotary Club of Llangollen at this year's musical festival to be formally acknowledged as an honorary member of the club but was completely taken aback to be handed the prestigious accolade.

President Ian Thomson said: "Terry Waite is a truly inspirational man. He has made a real difference to so many people's lives and yet remains completely modest. He has endured more than most but still tirelessly strives towards creating a better world, a vision which Rotary rests on so it is only fitting that we recognise his efforts with a Paul Harris Fellow.

"Rotary volunteers are dedicated to promoting world-wide peace and understanding through our local and international projects and we are delighted to welcome Terry as an honorary member."

In the 1960's and 70's, Mr Waite was an advisor to both the Anglican Bishop of Bristol and later to the first African Anglican Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi where he was responsible for developing programmes of aid and development for war-torn Uganda. In 1980 he became Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie's Assistant for Anglican Communion Affairs.

Mr Waite became most famous in the 1980's for negotiating the successful releases of several hostages in Iran, Libya and Lebanon. He himself was taken hostage in Lebanon in 1987 where he remained in captivity for 1,763 days, the first four years of which were spent in total solitary confinement. He was finally released on 18 November 1991.

Since then, Mr Waite has been involved in a range of humanitarian and charity work and is the founder of AbleChildAfrica and Hostage UK.

### **NEW MEMBER.**

At our meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. August our President Richard Watts inducted Councillor Kieron Mallon into our club. Kieron is well known in our local scene as he was the Town Mayor of Banbury last year. His classification is Property Management. He was sponsored by Rotarian's Maurice Humphris and Martin Phillips.



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### **ROTARY CLUB OF CHIPPING NORTON Chippy Jazz day**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. September  
Concerts All Day

Afternoon Concert at Chipping Norton  
Theatre.

Evening Concert in Chipping Norton  
Town Hall.

With nine other bands playing for free at various  
venues throughout the town.

Events starting at Midday.

Further details from Rotarian Mike Howes.

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## **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**

The family Christmas Festival of Music will take place at St Mary's Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. December . Taking part to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup>. anniversary of the Banbury Town Charter are Banbury Symphony Orchestra and the Banbury Choral Society. Tickets £5.00 adults £2.00 children. Tickets available from One Man Band and members of the Foundation Committee.

### **SPEAKER REPORTS.**

At the first meeting in August we were fortunate to have a talk by our own Rotarian Maurice Humphris JP. DL. His subject was on his roll as a Deputy Lieutenant and the duties of the Lord Lieutenant and his deputies.

Before the Norman Conquest the counties were run by Earls with Reeves acting for them but after the Conquest the King kept control to stop the Earls becoming too powerful. He appointed Reeves to govern for him. These Shire Reeves became quite powerful within their counties and their name was shortened to Sheriff. Among their duties they were responsible for calling out the militia.

In the 15<sup>th</sup> century the King appointed itinerant judges and Justices of the Peace this meant that the Sheriff's powers began to wane. The position of High Sheriff has continued to this day although it is now very much a ceremonial role. More of the work carried out by the Sheriffs now passed to the County Lieutenants it is suggested that the first of these was appointed in 1549 when the Duke of Suffolk served the role of County Lieutenant for nine counties one of which was Oxfordshire. The first lieutenant for Oxfordshire was appointed in 1628, there were in fact two, one for Oxfordshire and one for Berkshire, they were the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Banbury and the 1<sup>st</sup>. Earl of Berkshire. In 1642 Oxfordshire had its own County Lieutenant, he was William Fiennes, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Saye and Sele. From the very early days they were able to appoint deputies to assist with

their duties. Most of their duties which were shared with J.P.'s disappeared when County Councils were formed in 1889. The County Lieutenants maintained their links with J.P.'s until this day. The term County Lieutenant was altered to Lord Lieutenant in 1972.

A very strong military link was retained until quite recently in 1907 it was laid down that all Deputy lieutenants should be members of the military. All military duties were taken from the Lord Lieutenants in 1926 but it was not until 1966 that the appointments ceased to be military.

What is the Lord Lieutenants work today? The L.L. is required to :-

Advise and arrange visits for the Queen and her family to Oxfordshire.

To meet and attend Royal visitors and Heads of state on official visits to the County.

To present certain medals and awards.

To advise on some local nominations for honours and head up an Honours Committee for the County on which a few Deputy Lieutenants serve.

To participate in Citizenship Ceremonies.

To appoint a Vice L.L. and D.L.s . Oxfordshire is allowed 35.

To nominate guests for invitations to one of the Royal Garden parties each year at Buckingham Palace.

Our own Deputy Lieutenant Maurice said how fortunate he had been in carrying out his duties and serving on a number of committees and attending many functions which he would not normally be open to him. The office is honorary, and Maurice said that it was a great honour to be able to serve in this role.

The vote of thanks was given by Rotarian Roger May.

**The fundraiser** for the Cheshire Home, Maurice O'Connor spoke on the 8<sup>th</sup>. August. His subject was School 4 All in Africa. There was a report on this project in last month's bulletin. Maurice stressed the partnership with R.I.B.I. in this project which is being carried out in partnership with Cheshire Disability.

He was hosted by Rotarian Roy Watkins.

**We had a substitute speaker** on the 15<sup>th</sup>. August. But what a substitute, Rotarian Ken Gibbard gave a "My Job" talk after nearly 50 years in Rotary. As this was his second My Job

talk, the other being 46 years ago, he decided not to talk about his career in farming but in his roll as a Chairman. Early in his career he took a course on chairmanship so that he could properly carry out this roll. He then went on to detail his many chairman's duties. He became a member of the N.F.U. and of course became Banbury and County chairman. Banking was another interest as he was chairman of the Trustee Savings Bank management committee. There then followed The Banbury Employment Committee and the Farmers Panel on the Agricultural Land Tribunal. Sport was another interest, the Banbury West End tennis club suffered from his ministrations. He also ran his own Badminton Club. He was a Magistrate for 23 years a great achievement dispensing justice to our local community.

His other great love, besides his wife Sheila, is Rotary. Having joined in 1960 he has not only served as President 1974/75 but has chaired every committee in our Club. He served as Sergeant at Arms at Rotary Conference for several years. Ken's talk was given with his usual dry humour and outlined a life of wonderful service to the community.

A vote of thanks was given by our Honorary Member, Lord Saye and Sele.

**DIGITAL** was the title of a talk given by Tom Blinkhorn on 22<sup>nd</sup>. August.

Tom circulated strips of paper with a message in Morse Code to get our brains working. Three of our members came up with the right answer "Service above self"

No doubt many people nowadays associate the word digital with Bill Gates the founder of Microsoft or Rupert Murdoch the founder of Sky TV. But the puzzle you have just solved involved using a digital system that dates back to 1840.

Morse Code uses six digital states –Dot, Dash and a variety of different gaps separating letters, words and sentences. Digital systems have been used for a long time. The earliest ones being of an extremely basic nature, for example:-

A Beacon is perhaps the simplest non-electrical digital system, with just two states either on or off. Smoke signals are one of the oldest examples of digital signal, where an analogue carrier (smoke) is modulated with a blanket to generate a digital signal (puffs) that convey information.

But what of Digital in the 21<sup>st</sup>. Century? The word nowadays almost always refers to TV, radio and

photography. Tom then went on to explain about the much talked about “Digital Switchover” and how it will impact on us. The switchover is due to be completed by 2012. Our own regional transmitter is due to change to a digital one in 2011. Tom stressed that there is no need to panic yet as our existing analogue transmissions will continue until the time of the change over.

He told of a point of interest if you happen to be lost, say in Milton Keynes, that all the Sky dishes in the U.K. point to the south, so you will know which direction you are travelling. Digital will of course mean that we will be able to receive many more channels and already with the “Freeview Box” we are able to see a much larger number of programmes. The other main essential for receiving good quality T.V. reception is to ensure that you have a good aerial. Tom then listed five main points to sum up his talk.

1. You don't need to rush into anything for at least a couple of years.
2. You can get the benefits of extra FREE Digital channels now if you get a TV or a set top box with a digital tuner inside.
3. Your aerial may not need to be changed to receive free digital channels but budget around £150.00 if required.
4. If you want extra channels for free and would like some High Definition channels you can buy BBC for a one off payment of £250.00 (no monthly subscription).
5. SKY satellite offers the greatest choice but it will cost you.

A very informative talk which gave, those of us not acquainted with all that is going on with technology, an insight into Digital changes.

The vote of thanks was given by Rotarian John Cooke.

**The Fifth Friday** meeting with partners at the Banbury House Hotel was well attended and we were treated to an excellent dinner and a very good surprise speaker. The advertised speaker was unable to attend and with only 24 hours notice our speaker finder Rupert Kipping obtained the services of Rotarian Ron Spears. Ron is a member of the Chipping Norton Rotary Club and has spoken to us before. He gave a very humorous talk on “The Science of Humour and Laughter”. His many examples during his talk made for a very enjoyable evening.

Ron was hosted by Rotarian Rupert Kipping who also gave the vote of thanks.

**Please Note that until further notice  
apologies for Friday meetings are to be  
given to Richard George  
Phone 01280704607**

**Have you seen the new Rotary  
International motto for the year?**



**Congratulations** to our intrepid golfers who managed to win the Bigwood Trophy. The trophy is played for against the other service clubs in our area.

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**Intrepid adventurer** - Rotarian Alan Priddy and his young crew received a lively welcome home this week after their two-year voyage around the world.



The crew of historic yacht Lively Lady sailed into Gunwharf Quays in Plymouth on July 5th, cheered on by new RIBI President Ian Thomson and the hundreds of well wishers who gathered at the docks to greet them.

In April 2004,

Alan instigated the Lively Lady project, sponsored by Raymarine and a host of other supporters including 16 Rotary clubs, in an effort to replicate Alec Rose's famous solo sail around the globe in the yacht in 1968.

After treating Lady to some much needed care and attention, Alan chose 30 young adults, who had showed utter commitment and dedication to the project, to help crew the boat and each sail a leg of the circumnavigation.

His idea to have young adults as crew members originated from Sir Alec's desire to use the boat to prepare young adults for life.

Jay Williams, 24 from Portsmouth was one of the lucky young men who took up the final leg of the voyage. "From the very first time I attended one of the meetings about the Raymarine Lively Lady Project, Alan told everyone that this day would be with us forever", he said. "It is thanks to the support of Rotary Clubs

around Great Britain that everyone on the team has gained so much and we cannot thank them enough for everything they have done for us".

President Ian Thompson awarded each crew member and co-skipper with a framed certificate in recognition of their inspiring achievements. Alan Priddy was also bestowed with a Paul Harris Fellowship in appreciation for his exceptional service and his belief in the Rotary's educational programs.

Upon acceptance, Alan – a member of the Rotary Club of Southsea Castle - commented: "I did not see this one coming and I am very honoured to receive it. This confirms that we have the basis for an ongoing youth project and with the support of Rotary in the World there are no limits to what we can achieve next time.

## **ROTARY MISSION CHALLENGE “making a real difference in Sierra Leone ”**

**CHRISTIAN HOPE SCHOOL, KISSY** In January 2007 I undertook to fund the building of a 6 classroom extension at the school at a **projected** cost of £25,000 (this was based on a bill of quantity from October 2005) – however the project will cost more than the original estimate (typical builders!). I believe the total cost will be about £35,000 BUT my view is that the final cost will be worth every penny!! Since returning in January 2007 I have sent/taken £22,000 to the school and currently have another £655 in the account and £380 pledged.

### **BANBURY ROTARY CLUB ADOPT CHRISTIAN HOPE AS A CLUB PROJECT**

Since agreeing to fund the 6 classroom extension at Christian Hope School I have tried not to force the project on to my Club as I felt it was unfair to ask the Club to commit to a project that was really a personal ambition of mine. The Club and many individuals within it have been really supportive of my work in Sierra Leone over the last 3 years and I am pleased to announce that the Club formally adopted Christian Hope as a Club project on August 1st. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Banbury Rotary Club for supporting the project and hope that this will give the project more credibility and increase the support from other Rotary Clubs.

**England Hockey supporting Sierra Leone** Steve Barlow of England Hockey has recently arranged a donation of a large amount of clothing in the form of Hockey strips, tracksuits & promotional T-shirts – these will be shipped out to the Freetown area in September and distributed to local youth groups in the communities I am supporting – a very **BIG THANK YOU** to ENGLAND HOCKEY. A Wolstencroft