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The Newsletter of Exe Valley Rotary Club

President Les



Autumn is well and truly here and I am now one third of the way through my year as President. As they say time flies when you're having fun. Since the last edition of ExePress we have had one of this Rotary year's three main fundraising events – The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir Concert. This was a super evening of music provided by the Choir and Cheryl Roberts the guest soloist. No-one could fail to be impressed by her voice and singing talent. The music provided by Cheryl and the choir was varied and a pleasure to listen to. Thank you to them and all who supported the event. The total amount raised to date is £885.59. Some of that money will be split and donated to two charities, one that provides education to children locally – “Life Education Wessex” and the other one that I spoke about at Club Assembly in June – “School in a Bag”. It is not difficult to see through most of my voluntary work the theme of helping children is something I am passionate about. Over the past four months we have had a number of interesting speakers covering a wide variety of topics, some charitable and others just informative. The talks on the Typhoon aircraft and latterly on the Bloodhound SSC project were really quite special. The detail provided by the speakers and their enthusiasm really came across. Putting together a programme of events and speakers is no easy task and for that I cannot express how grateful I am to Fred, Ray and John. There are some good speakers, visits and events in the pipeline over the next few months so the winter should not seem too long. I thank all those who have given their time to our fundraising and community events, the Street Food Festival, Perambulation of the Leat, Hospiscare Run, The Lashings Cricket and the Heathcoat 200 event. All gave Rotary and our club a prominence in the Tiverton area. My view is that Rotary is not all about “shaking tins”, seeking and giving money but is about providing help when and where necessary. However, as we go forward through the winter months our thoughts and efforts turn to the two major spring events, The Uffculme Show and Country Fair to be held on Monday 7th May 2018 and the Templeton Trial in April. The latter is being worked on by the Youth Committee to find a suitable date and get the relevant permissions in place. A small Uffculme Show committee has met and the basic structure of the event agreed. Those with expertise in organising this event in the past are on board but any member who wishes to take a lead or has new ideas for the show please do get in touch. Do not harbour it in your mind and wish nearer the time you had said something. We are looking for new main arena events, additional children's attractions plus there will be the usual food outlets, craft tent, music, dog show etc. Let's make the 2018 show as good or even better if possible than those in previous years. Social media will form a big part of letting the community know about the show and its offerings and a Facebook page has been created for this purpose. All I ask is that all those on Facebook please “like” and “share” the page and invite your friends to “like” and “share” the page also. There is little more for me to add other than to give a general thank you to you all for supporting Exe Valley Rotary Club and may it long continue. I hope you all maintain good health and look forward to seeing you all at future club meetings.

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Les

President

Club News



Caerphilly Male Voice Choir

On the 7th October the choir, accompanied by guest soloist Cheryl Roberts, gave a charity performance at the Tiverton Community Arts Theatre. Established in 1906, this 111-year-old choir is one of the longest running in Wales. Currently the age range of the choir is from 32 to 91 years of age, with some members having seen service for over 50 years. There are currently 31 members in the choir from many different backgrounds. Not only was the audience entertained by a wide variety of songs but a sum just short of £900 was raised for two school children education charities, one local and the other international. The event was organised by Exe Valley Rotary Club with the club's President Les being the main driving force for the event being the great success that it was.

Exepress Reader Exclusive Holiday Offer!



Speakers' Corner

29th September : John Greenslade MBE ('Farmer John')



Byway Woods near Bickleigh in Mid Devon is a 100 acre wood and meadowland belonging to the Greenslade family

John Greenslade otherwise known as 'Farmer John' and his family have spent the last 30 years planting and nurturing woods and the meadows. The Greenslades have created a dynamic natural environment which attracts a host of wildlife. The woodland ranges from ancient oaks to open meadows. Sadly in the summer of 2013 Ash dieback was discovered and was the first confirmed case in Devon. Many hours were spent digging up 1500 young ash trees which were then burned. With the support of Petroc College many different species of trees have been replanted. This was just the start. Since this initial summer, hundreds of trees have been removed and replanting continues. Due to the Greenslades' visionary approach to creating a balanced and diverse ecosystem it has allowed the impact to be minimal, as throughout the woodland ash was planted in small pockets, unlike commercial woodland which often block plants large areas. Byway Woods has become an educational and research site for arborists and scientists from across the region and a new low impact education structure is being built on the site.

11th October: Glynis Atherton, 'Hospiscare'



Hospiscare is a local charity delivering adult end-of-life care to people across Exeter, Mid & East Devon. It has a case load at any one time of between 650-700 adults. Most of these people wish to remain in their own home or within a familiar community setting, supported by the expertise of the community palliative care team.

Because they value dying as an important part of living and believe that every day matters to people approaching the end of their lives Hospiscare -

Puts the needs of patients, and those close to them, at the centre of what they do

Provides timely and accessible services

Makes the best use of resources

Acts fairly according to the needs of patients and staff, both paid and voluntary

Is sensitive, honest and clear in all communications

Respects everyone's contribution to the service, and works co-operatively in teams

18th October: Lis Foye, 'School in a Bag'



Lis is the School Liaison Officer for the SIAB charity and informed members that according to UNICEF only 20% of the world's child population will ever attend school. At £20 a school bag there is a simple solution to help poor, vulnerable, orphan, and disaster affected children throughout the world. This initiative is run by the Piers Simon Appeal, started in 2009 following a collaboration project to send schoolbags to orphan children in Swaziland. Each schoolbag contains stationery, equipment and resources which will enable a child to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves and above all learn. It will give hope to his or her future and has the potential to transform their lives. SIAB relies on donations from the public sector and generosity of supporters. Stock is purchased and stored in their HQ in Somerset. Volunteers sort and pack the boxes which are sent to the destination country where partner volunteers make up schoolbags for appropriate needs.



Lis is running the New York Marathon on 5th November to raise money to fund #SchoolBags! Please support them if you can using the link: #GoLisandKev #RunningNYC #NYCMarathon. For more information please visit:<http://schoolinabag.org/>

SQUIRRELS FOR SALE!

Sitting next to the EXE VALLEY EDITOR is always a treat, (sorry I meant Tweet) and, last week as I revealed the heavy garden workload Autumn brings, squirrels somehow entered the conversation, which went something like this:

Editor - 'got a big garden have you? **Naive Innocent Me** -'2 acres odd'. **Ed.** - 'got many trees?' **NIM** - well.. about 25, I suppose'. **Ed.** - 'Nuts'? **NIM** - 'I beg your pardon...!?' **Ed.** - 'do you have nut trees?' **NIM** - 'Oh, I seequite a few' **Ed.** - 'Guess you have a few squirrels then...?' Too late I realised he was angling for an Exepress contribution. I rejected his first idea on an article entitled 'Me and My Squirrels' but after he threatened me with a severe Chinese Burn and his lengthy opinion on Brexit I decided I would provide him with something and I consequently find myself Assistant Squirrel Advisor.

Up until this month I thought I had one squirrel - . eats a few nuts, runs up adjacent tree, leaps to next tree then the next then down out of sight for two seconds and back out for more nutting. Now squirrels are fast, really fast, but not that fast. What really happens is there are somewhere between six and ten of the blighters but very rarely together, which does solve the puzzle of how one small grey animal can dig dozens of holes a day. The Editor seemed quite amused by this but my offer of him taking a few was turned down. Those members old enough (and there are quite a few) to remember the Carling Black Label lager adverts in the 70's probably are endeared to these grey garden wreckers but I can't see any takers there either. Pity we can't send the little tykes back to the Americas . They actually still eat them there. I saw them in a frozen pack a while ago in Toronto. Had a large label on it " Caution! May contain nuts" **Rodent Reporter Ken Kidd**



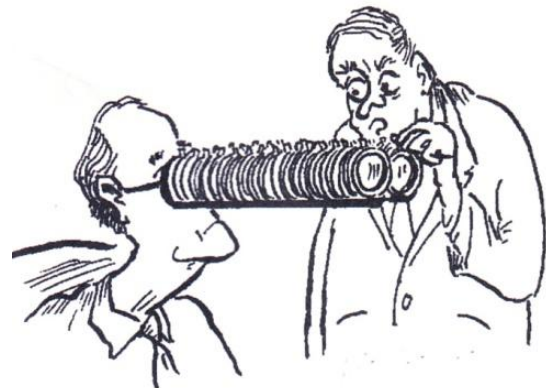
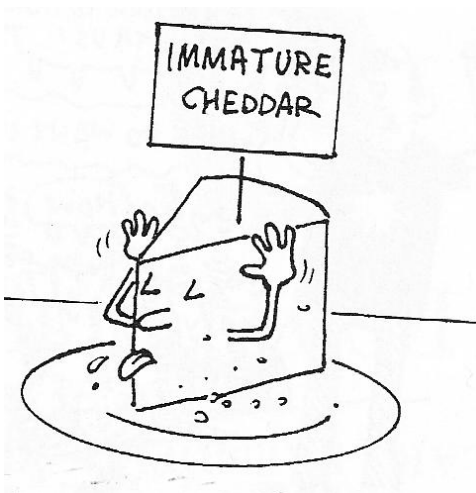
(Editor's Note: This situation is obviously sending one of our most valued members nuts (geddit!?) If any readers know of an effective and humane way of ridding a garden of these pesky foreign rodents please contact the Exepress Office.)
As his photo shows, he has a very serious problem

KK Beware: when you return to Australia!

They have an animal that goes looking for nuts.... and being Australian they tell it as it is



..... some more silly stuff>>>>>>



"There may have been some deterioration since your last test"

"ROTARY HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE CAMPAIGN TO END POLIO"



Those were the words of International Development Secretary, Priti Patel, speaking after the UK Government's 100 million GBP funding pledge towards the eradication of polio. The funds will help immunise as many as 45 million children from the disease and continue the push for 2017 to be the year we see the final case of polio. Hear from Bill Gates, polio survivor Ade Adepitan and Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President Denis Spiller on our [website](#), and watch our video interview with Priti Patel on our [Facebook page](#).

LIFE'S A BEACH AT ROTARY CONFERENCE

With registrations for the 2018 Conference in Torquay coming in fast, it is shaping up to be an unforgettable weekend on the English Riviera. With some remarkable speakers and a superb variety of activities, create your perfect cocktail of things to do!

What's on?

An inspiring mix of speakers who will leave you in awe with their stories. Hear RI President Ian Riseley and Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President Denis Spiller on how Rotary can Make A Difference. Tackle current issues in informative workshops on topics such as Computer Fraud, Dementia and Rotary Membership and take part in some great service projects. Entertainment kicks off with a fantastic concert featuring the Bridgend Male Choir, Matricks Illusion and The Foursome Jerseys! Tickets to this event are free with all full weekend registrations! Take a tour of the magical Kents Cavern, relax with an afternoon tea, or party all night at a beach themed evening. Plus live music from top party band, The A-Listers. Full details on registration, functions, speakers and programme can be found on our [website](#). [Book now](#) to receive a fantastic discount on full weekend registrations. You won't be short of things to do, so get set to make memories and join Rotary on the Riviera!

PEACEBUILDING

PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE

RI President Ian Riseley is hosting six peace conferences around the world in 2018, each based around how peace works within a different Rotary Area of Focus. We are delighted to be hosting one of these six conferences in Coventry on Saturday 24th February 2018, based on Disease Prevention, Treatment and Peace. The day will include a number of interesting speakers, breakout sessions and visits to local places of interest.



ROTARY TREE CHALLENGE

Help meet Rotary's worldwide goal of planting one tree per member by Earth Day on 22nd April 2018! Rotary's collaboration with the Woodland Trust means Rotary members can take advantage of a number of helpful offers.

From 1st November, Community Packs of 45 trees will be available for 60GBP on a first come basis. If you're struggling for space to plant your saplings, the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have land available at a cost of 2.50GBP per tree in the Nidderdale Area of Natural Beauty.

For full details of the Rotary Tree Challenge, visit our [website](#) or contact Rotarian [Terry Knowles](#).



POLIO ADVOCACY

The response from Rotary clubs in contacting their MPs to highlight the issue of polio has been positive. We want to ensure MPs continue to see the connection between Rotary and the fight for a polio free world and the widespread support this pledge has in their constituencies. We are delighted with the [financial pledge from the UK Government](#) for the fight to end polio in the world, and International Development Secretary recognised Rotary's efforts in a recent [party conference speech](#). Why not use World Polio Day and/or crocus corm planting as a reason to contact your MP if you haven't already done so? Clubs can complete the [template letter](#) and send to [their MP](#) along with a [Global Polio Update](#) and the [Top 5 Reasons to Eradicate Polio flyer](#). Rotary Club advocacy is an important channel to ensure Rotary gets the credit it deserves. More information: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/media/2017/09/Advocacy-thank-you-communication-to-MPs-August-20171.docx>



EVENTS

To highlight Rotary's global impact, you can [register your events](#) on the End Polio website so you appear on the World Polio Day event map. Use the RIBI [template press releases](#) for clubs and districts and use the hashtag #WorldPolioDay on social media to spread the word of your events. You can also tune into the Rotary International's Livestream event, which will be broadcast live on Facebook, Twitter and endpolio.org from the Gates Foundation HQ in Seattle at 17.30 local time. Please [email your events](#) to RIBI Polio Champion Jannine Birtwistle who is looking to collate and showcase activity from across Great Britain and Ireland.

<https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>



PURPLE4POLIO BANGER RALLY

Get your motor running with Rotary's new drive to end polio! The [Purple4Polio Banger Rally 2018](#) is hitting the highways next May and needs cars of all shapes and sizes to take part. Everyone is welcome to join this amazing road trip across Great Britain and Ireland from 21st – 24th May. You pick your team, car, route, where you stay and raise sponsorship. In return, Rotary around the country will provide check and rest areas in stunning locations. We'll even wave you across the finish line with a chequered flag at the end of rally party in Yorkshire on 24th May. [Register your interest](#) today and be first to hear updates.



NATIONAL IMMUNISATION DAY 2018

A date for [National Immunisation Day 2018](#) has been confirmed. Groups of Rotarians from Great Britain and Ireland will have chance to fight polio on the front line on 28th January 2018. The trip to India, which is coordinated by Rotarian Mike Yates in liaison with the Indian government and other local groups, will be part of continued efforts to immunise 173 million children under 5-years-old against the crippling disease. For more information about the trip, please visit the website, or [contact Mike Yates](#) directly.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



TOGETHER, WE ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION

Rotary's new global public image campaign, called People of Action, was launched at the start of this Rotary year. The campaign looks to bring the stories of Rotary members to life and show those who don't know us exactly who we are, what we do and how Rotary differs from other organisations. A suite of print materials has been created for Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, which are now available to order from the [online shop](#). These include:

- New Member Welcome Guide
- Prospective Members booklet (A5)
- First contact booklet (A6)
- Trio of People of Action Postcards

To make sure you use the right materials for the right audience, consult our Resource Guide and show the world we are People of Action. More resources, including pull up designs will be available soon.



DISASTER RELIEF

Rotary clubs across Great Britain and Ireland have been inspirational in mobilising in the wake of recent natural disasters. A [new webpage has been created](#), dedicated to disaster relief updates. The intention of this page is to give a snapshot for the public and Rotarians about how Rotary responds in the aftermath of disasters, what current appeals there are and how they can donate. There is also an option for Rotarians to sign in to the members' area for the more detailed information. A [disaster relief social media toolkit for Rotary clubs](#) has also been created to assist in spreading a consistent message about Rotary's relief efforts. This contains sample posts, pictures and other important information.

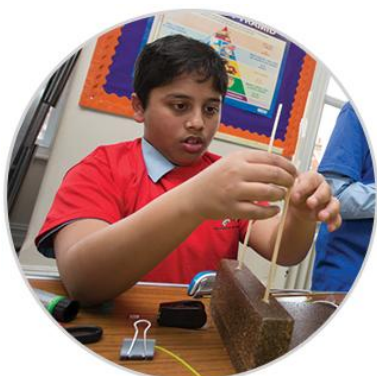


DISPLAY HIRE

The Rotary Support Centre has a number of display products available to hire. They are easy to assemble and great value for money. For the full range of pull ups and for more information on the hiring process please visit the [online shop](#) or email [Mandy Hendrey](#).

Flags: We have an extensive range of over eighty national and Rotary flags for hire by clubs and districts. For district conferences a popular choice is the five flag spreader, with hire including a stand.

Zoom Feather: Great for outdoor events to get you noticed! These stand just over 14ft tall and hire includes concrete bases. If you would like to hire our flags or zoom feathers please visit our [website](#).



TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

Rotary Technology Tournaments are designed to encourage and develop student's interest in design, construction and technology. Students work in teams to develop and build their solution to a task that has been developed to broaden their understanding of important concepts in technology.

There are two Tournaments – the Junior Technology Tournament, for children up to age of 11, and the long running traditional Technology Tournament for students between the ages of 11 and 18. The Junior Technology Tournament, which has been developed in collaboration with the Rochester Bridge Trust, was launched in March 2017 and combines some simple training followed by a practical design and build exercise. It can be run as a one day session, two half days or even four approximately one hour sessions. The traditional Technology Tournament can only be run as a full day event and is divided into three age ranges, Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced. Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland has recently promoted Technology

Tournaments in the School Science Review and, as a result, clubs may receive enquiries from schools who wish to participate. If you do receive an enquiry and are unsure how to respond please contact the [Technology Tournament team](#) or [Andy Smith](#) at the Rotary Support Centre. The team is here to help clubs who have not previously participated to make a success of this exciting venture.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

How can we help you to better serve your community?

“I never thought of Leadership Development and Training from that point of view” was a comment heard after a recent seminar.

Leadership Development and Training has changed, and is still changing.

Find out more in the [Leadership Development and Training Committee \(LDTC\)](#)

[Newsletter](#) - details include:

- [Multi-District Leadership Development Forum \(MDLDF\)](#) - a new approach to training our incoming District Governors and Assistant Governors
- [Facilitator Applications](#) are wanted for AG Group Facilitators at the MDLDF
- [Facilitator Preparation Workshop](#) – could your district use better trained facilitators for District Assembly and events, or do you have members with the appropriate skills

already who could do with a refresher? See how districts can take advantage of the Facilitator Preparation Workshop

- Early notification of key event/seminar dates for 2018/19 district officers
- Elearning courses

There is more to discover, so don't forget to visit the [LDTC webpages](#) on a regular basis.



INTERACT AND ROTAKIDS

The 2017-18 school year is now underway bringing with it the opportunity for Rotarians to re-engage with established Interact and RotaKids clubs in their local schools. Better still, why not form new clubs with schools in your area? Involvement in Interact can also assist young people taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme as Rotary is an Approved Activity Provider.

Information is available through your District teams, visit the [website](#) or contact interact@rotarygbi.org or rotakids@rotarygbi.org.



ROTARY DAY 2018

It's not too early to get ready for Rotary's 113th anniversary on Rotary Day – February 23rd 2018!

Clubs and Districts will have the opportunity to host their own mock National Immunisation Day in your community, to continue to raise the profile of Rotary's campaign to rid the world of polio.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CUP

Applications are now open for the Community Service Cup, which annually recognises a Club which has established a project or scheme in its community for the benefit of that community.

The award will recognise a new innovation or existing project with a pedigree of success. All applications should complete the [nomination form](#) and submit it to [Lynne Marshall](#), Chairman of the Rotary Home Committee by **31st January 2018**.



Club Bulletin

PROGRAMME for OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2017

Wednesday	8th	November	2017	Peter Day, 'CHAT'.
Wednesday	15th	November	2017	7:00pm - Uffculme Show Meeting. Martin Gillard, 'The Exmoor Mires Partnership and the historic environment'
Wednesday	22nd	November	2017	Yvonne Penn, 'Sailors' Society'.
Wednesday	29th	November	2017	Theatre Visit? F&F arranging. PARTNERS' EVENING.
Wednesday	6th	December	2017	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting.
Wednesday	13th	December	2017	Christmas Dinner at Tiverton Golf Club. PARTNERS' EVENING.
Wednesday	20th	December	2017	Fellowship.
Wednesday	27th	December	2017	No meeting.
Wednesday	3rd	January	2018	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting.

Duty Rosta

			Grace	Meal Steward	Vote of /Thanks/Object
Nov	1	Council & Business	Barton, Tim	Haig Gavin	Reynolds Fred
	8		Butler Andrew	Harris Andrew	Evans, Bob
	15		Ashfords representative	Heywood Arthur	Radford Ray
	22		Courage Ken	Jenner, David	Rice Robert
	29		Davies Trefor	Kidd Ken	Shears Chris
Dec	6	Council & Business	Davies, Rory	King Chris	Steele Chris
	13		Denman Charles	Leach Fred	Steiner Tony
	20		Derrett Ron	Mills Ken	Jerry Tiernan
	27	No meeting			
Jan	3	To be confrimed	Disney David	Mitchell Peter	Taylor Richard
	10		Scrace Nic	Nderitu, Anthony	Vickery Richard
	17		Evans, Bob	Ashfords representative	Viney Mike
	24		Freeman John	Pearson Bruce	Webber William.
	31		Fuller Robert	Phillips John	West Bruce

[The Rosta & Programme are often updated so remember to check the EVRC website](#)



"Could you remember to empty the pockets next time?"

InfoMedley

A fairly compact review of significant news, reports, emails of the past two months. Reports which were submitted with information that was private and confidential have been removed and out of date information has been amended accordingly.

Business Meeting 6th September 2017

The president was present when Peter Day (trustee of CHAT) talked to Tiverton Club about CHAT's plans to move HQ. A meeting is intended to explore ways in which Exe Valley Rotary can help them. President will report back. The caravan has been photographed and Rotarian Shears plans to offer it for sale online shortly

The President

Reported that meal prices for club meetings will increase by £1 from our next planned meeting at the Hartnoll. Council had considered and approved. Club did not oppose this but thought it an opportunity for comment regarding the decreasing levels of service and length of time waiting between courses which delays the start of any talk or business for the night. President will deal. Explained the state of discussions between the hotel and himself regarding efforts at securing agreement and funding for the installation of a hearing loop within the meeting room. Ongoing. Reminded club that he had been unable to hand over a chain of office to the President-elect because club's medal & ribbon had gone missing some time ago. Rotarian Pearson proposed that a new one be purchased. Seconded KM. Carried (the President-elect abstaining). Regretted that Mid Devon Rotaract club's inception had not gone as well as had been hoped, with results disappointing despite sustained very hard work by Caitlin to make it a success. The president suggested a final push in conjunction with Tiverton club in the hope that succeeds but if not he suggested with regret the time may shortly come to withdraw support from the project.

Treasurer

All subs have been paid bar one (that member is being chased). Treasurer now has a copy of the RHfCT Annual Report for the year to 31-03-16. Easyfunding.com has collected £26 to date for our funds, but nothing for the last two months. Members are reminded of the benefit of this service. Explained the difficulties reportedly encountered by Tiverton hospital staff in accessing funds previously donated for the ongoing maintenance of the fish tank and ornamental fish. Council had approved the Treasurer's proposal that this year's contribution be maintained but paid in cash subject to an appropriate paper trail. Club indicated by unanimous vote to support that decision. **Funding proposals/requests/decisions**

Uffculme Parish Council request for funding help for up to £1700 contribution towards the cost of picnic tables and benches. Club had previously deferred this request to the Community committee, who after deliberation, recommended a donation of £480 (the cost of one table plus £20 for a "donated by" plaque). That recommendation had today been endorsed by Council. Club generally felt the community committee's recommendations should not be overturned. Recommended Rotarian Butler 2nd Rotarian Denman the sum of £500.00 be donated. £500 carried by a clear majority vote then taken.

Rotarian Harris explained Council's decision to approved a donation of £250 to the Matt Hampson Foundation in recognition of the entertaining illustrated talk by recent speaker Spencer Watts (23rd August). Proposed Rotarian Freeman 2nd Rotarian J Radford and carried "nem con". District 1175 had invited all Rotary clubs to agree that Rotary District 1175 should become the main sponsor of the 2018 Rotary Youth Games with a budgeted need for £90 per club donation. Proposed Rotarian Harris seconded by the Treasurer that club support that initiative and donate £90 to be paid as and when funds were requested (£30 now). Carried nem con.

Uffculme -Show 2018 . Subject to the landowner's consent the president indicated council's decision the club should hold the show again 7th May 2018. Club's approval was unanimous. Rotarian Radford will liaise with the honorary member who owns the car park field to secure consent and discuss his own consent with the President. On that basis Uffculme show meetings will commence the third week of October and meet monthly. President will circulate.

On behalf of International Rotarian Denman explained Shelterbox seek a replacement volunteer fundraiser. It was felt the club could offer to house the sample Shelterbox in its container if that would help in locating a volunteer who might otherwise be worried about space constraints.

Calendar reminders

The Christmas dinner has been booked at the Tiverton golf club for 13 December. Details to follow but it is hoped that the guest speaker at the Christmas dinner will be Allan Dodds famed for being part of David Bowie's first band, who may give a talk and also play his guitar. Club members present agreed they wanted a fellowship meeting on 20 December as well.

Draw Rotarian Shears won the prize to nominate a £100 charitable donation.

Read and watch the latest District Magazine which includes video content from across the South West Peninsula: <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=535972&DistrictNo=1175&Mp=519278>

To read the page in full, please click:: <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?DistrictNo=1175&PgID=535972>