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The Newsletter of Exe Valley Rotary Club

President John



I want to say thank you to Bruce P and the membership committee for carrying on getting new members.

Thank you to Ray, John and Arthur Heywood for organising the ten pin bowling for all to enjoy.

Skittles are not doing so well the last 3 games only winning 1 game.

We are very sad to be losing Charlotte, who has done some wonderful work whilst with the EVRC, We will see her around for the Templeton Trial, but wish her good luck for the future.

We have now planted our Polio crocuses which are now flowering beautifully.

I want to thank everyone for all the help that has been offered to me and I hope you have all had fun at the events organised by the committee, and we hope that the next couple months can be as progressive as the last 6 months.

I look forward to enjoying the President's Night in May and I hope everyone else can enjoy this with me.

Club News

New Members

Exe Valley Rotary Club welcomed two new members during January



Inducted by President John on the 4th January was **Bob Evans** and on the 18th January President Elect Les inducted **Dr David Jenner**, while President John took a much needed break

Why did President John need that 'much needed break'?

During December and January an unprecedented six new members were inducted into the Exe Valley Rotary Club. Never in the 32 year history of the club has a President been so busy inducting new members over such a short time span and it was becoming evident that the President's welcoming handshake was beginning to show signs of repetitive strain injury. Step forward President Elect Les to do the honours for one induction and show what he has learned from observing President John in action and conducting the formality with such confidence and panache. Including Corporate Members the Club's membership is now at an all time high of 49.

By way of introducing our new members to current members and readers of Exe Express we have pleasure in presenting some pen portraits.



Darren Blackburn

Inducted : 7th December 2016

I moved to England from Northern Ireland to study in the mid 1980's and have stayed here ever since. I'm married to Flora and we have two sons, William and Thomas. We live at Tiddyport, Rackenford. I've lived or worked in the Tiverton Area for the last 27 years. I like to get involved in the local community and have been a parish councillor and school governor and am a trustee of a number of local organisations. I work as a solicitor, dealing mainly with the property elements of agriculture and rural affairs. I enjoy the countryside and consider myself fortunate to live in Devon. When time permits I do a bit of fishing, something I've been keen on since a boy. I've been known to pick up a guitar and sing from time to time. I

was a member of Tiverton and District Round Table for 18 years.

My involvement with Rotary began as a member of a group study exchange team which represented the district in South Africa and Namibia in 1993. I'm grateful to Rotary Foundation for that opportunity and am pleased to have been invited to become a member of the Exe Valley club. Thank you.



Anthony Nderitu

Inducted : 21st December 2016

I owe my being to the hills and valleys of the central part of Kenya. I lay claim to two places that have the pleasure of association with two important people: the Queen and Baden Powell.

I made my way to Devon via South Africa after my graduation in Kenya. Blame or credit my wife for the journey. For a living, I provoke young people to be what I will never be. It is a joy that I find in Tiverton High School every day of the week. I could not do anything else. It is a rewarding job and one is encouraged when boys and girls turn out to be men and women we can depend on. Someone has to do it. I love it. My wife and son are great company. Devon has turned out to be a great home for us to thrive and make a living. It is a blessing to be here.

It is a privilege to be associated with Rotary International through Exe Valley Rotary Club. It is an association I feel honoured to be part of. It is not often in life that one gets to do what is rewarding and associative like this. I look forward to many more years with these committed men and women.

I am alive and grateful, the rest is a bonus

Rotarian Tim gave an extremely interesting 'Job Talk' on the 8th February where he gave an insight into his distinguished career in the RAF. Below is a much shorter version of the talk for those that did not attend and for those that did it includes some more personal details



Tim Barton

Inducted : 21st December 2016

I have strong links with the West Country which I have maintained throughout the Royal Air Force careers of both my father and me. I went to Chard School in 1965 and then joined the RAF in 1971 as an Ground Radar electronics technician, specialising for most of the time in Rapier Surface-to-Air Missile Systems. I spent 12 years 'in the ranks' in postings in England, Scotland, W Germany and Belize, attained the rank of Sergeant and was selected in 1982 for officer training at RAF Cranwell. I was commissioned in 1983 and spent the following 24 years as an Engineering Officer (Communications, Electronics) in a number of operational, management and staff appointments in England, N Ireland, W Germany and Iraq. Over the years, I managed teams of up to 300 people to support equipment that ranged across the electromagnetic spectrum from elderly, long-range radars to their state-of-the-art replacements, airfield radars and navigation aids, world-wide radio communications, satellite comms and Information Computer Technology systems. I completed my RAF career as a Group Captain in 2008 and moved to my family roots in Hemyock in the Blackdown Hills. After refurbishing our old house and over-seeing our new-build, I formed my own company to undertake contracts specialising in project management and the business change associated with the introduction of new computer systems. I am married to Lesley and we have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. I enjoy family pursuits, travel, DIY, bell ringing, theatre, swimming, cycling and walking. I am also a Parish Councillor and a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust. I thank the Exe Valley RC for their warm welcome and I very much look forward to working with them on various projects in the months and years ahead.



Bob Evans

Inducted : 4th January 2017

I am a youngish 50 something, married to Gill (Gillian if you meet her , hates being called Gill, I know what you're thinking but we all love a challenge, don't we?) We have seven children between us, various names and ages, memory not as good as it was so won't try to name them. Last count three were mine, four hers. We also have 6 grandchildren and 5 chickens.

We live out on the A38 in an old pub. It was divided up when developers bought it and having decided to do the renovation project thing (mid life crisis warning) we bought half of it off the developers, so we got the bar and toilets! also a big overdraft and a builder who thought time was an overly used concept when it came to keeping to it. Unusual fact number one, we sold our old

house to a UK lottery winner who was a mate of one of my sons.

Jobs

A 27 year career within Royal Mail did many things, it taught me much about people, myself and life, not bad for a job that was to be a temporary role. It also enabled me to move my family to Devon some 30 years ago.

Various roles included general sorter, driver, working on the travelling post office moving into managerial roles varied from watching two blokes sort letters for 8 hours at a time, to working as a warehouse manager, Exeter St. Davids mail hub station manager, Exeter airport mail hub manager to being the Distribution manager for Devon and Cornwall dealing with all road, rail and air movements of mail. Ended up as the Mail Centre Manager in Exeter, but eventually took EVR and after a summer off did a couple of Operational and Depot manager roles working for G4S , City Link and PHS over the next few years. I then decided to retire a year or so ago taking full advantage of the nice Mr Osborne. Unusual fact number two - when at Royal Mail I challenged the then senior managers to allow me to undertake external managerial qualifications. Nobody had ever been sponsored for external training previously. Having won the argument I was allowed to do a business course through Exeter Business College, not sure who got the last laugh though, the course was Friday day release but I worked nights so they would not give any time off, so had to work until 0600am on a Friday, get to college for 0900 work all day and be back at work by 1800 Friday night!! That showed em !! Currently mainly do as I'm told at home and having been asked to stand as a paper candidate nearly six years ago am still a Mid Devon District Councillor and as part of that role I chair the Audit Committee and represent the council as Chairman on the Broadpath Liaison Group dealing with landfill and quarry activity in the area. Having laid my life out on paper, well not all of it, I would like to thank all who have welcomed me into the world of Rotary and I look forward to being part of what is obviously something very special. Finally, unusual fact number three, having registered with the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Charity many years ago, I was matched to an unrelated recipient and was one of the UK's first unrelated bone marrow donors, even got to stay in a Harley Street clinic. Now there's posh, no really it was really, really posh.



Dr David Jenner

Inducted : 11th January 2017

I am a true Devon Dumpling, born and raised in Exeter, where my father taught at Exeter school and where I was also educated. During my formative years I developed my passion for natural history and Devon’s wonderful countryside and coastline which I have kept to this day. After leaving school at a somewhat early age of seventeen , I studied medicine at Manchester University and very quickly realised I would want to return to Devon promptly as the city life was not for me. Thus after a short spell in Shrewsbury hospital, in an area of the country which rivals Devon for its beauty, I came back to Devon to study General Practice and have remained here ever since.

I met with wife Kathryn whilst working in Heavitree hospital and then sealed our commitment and relationship on a year travelling the world and working in New Zealand. I proposed in the depth of the Daintree rainforest in Queensland with leeches, unbeknown, crawling up our legs. Returning to Devon in 1990, I was offered partnership in College Surgery Cullompton where I started working in May 1990 and was married in St Mary’s Church Willand later that year. Kathryn completed her training as an anaesthetist and has worked ever since at the RD&E hospital Exeter. Sons Oliver and Joshua soon followed and then in 1998 by a “buy one get one free deal” with twin girls Alexandra and Harriet. At one point all of the children were at Exeter School together before departing off to University, with the twins leaving in 2016. This now gives more time for me to further pursue my passion for natural history and Kathryn to develop further her amateur artistic pastime.

I have remained a partner in College Surgery for twenty six years working now with thirteen partners to provide services to 17,000 people out of its state of the art new building in Cullompton as well as branch surgeries in Bradninch, Willand, Uffculme and Sampford Peverell. I have also been involved in medical leadership roles since 1993 being the locally elected G.P. chair of various incarnations of Health Authorities culminating in NEW Devon CCG from 2013-2017. In these roles I have worked tirelessly to try and improve local health care, but which at times has felt like swimming against a brisk current with funding limitations and rising demand. Thankfully the latter is largely because people in Devon are living much longer.

In 2017 I am relinquishing my CCG role but intend to remain as a local GP three days a week for many years to come and thoroughly enjoy that role which gives a unique insight into people’s and family’s lives.

By joining Rotary I am looking to develop new friendships with people outside the world of medicine and hopefully give something back to the local community.

On the 22nd February President Elect Les forwent an Induction Ceremony and instead warmly welcomed **Richard Gough** back into Rotary as a new club member but a former member in Epping

I was born in St Bart’s in 1947 in the City of London so within the sound of St Mary le Bow church Cheapside (not in Bow) so a real Cockney. I was brought up in Enfield, Middx. and went to Enfield Grammar School leaving at 17 to commence work as a trainee quantity surveyor, qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor in 1974. I married Jackie and had a daughter (Samantha now a successful accountant and CEO) and son Adam (a manager within a large specialist printing company who climbs mountains, Eiger, Matterhorn, etc). I worked for the largest QS

company in the world from starting work to 1974 ,mainly in their Harlow New Town, Essex office leaving to join a specialist tax expert QS firm for 2 years before joining an Epping based small firm in 1976. They had 8 employees and when I retired as Managing Partner (for over 20 years) in 2013 they were over 300 strong and included Project Managers ,Building Surveyors, Health and Safety Experts, and other Property Construction Consultant specialists..Clients ranged from HMG cabinet office, MOD, City of London, many London boroughs; universities in Leeds,,York ,Essex, Cambridge, London,many specialist schools such as Roedean, Exeter School for the Deaf, etc; Land Securities and British Land, Jaguar Land Rover, Tesco, Sainsbury, Co-op, Lidl, Aldi etc; hospitals in London and Yorkshire, and so on. I was personally in charge of the redevelopment of London Docklands after the IRA bomb destroyed the UK Radio-communications Agency which we had just completed and the refurbishment of Spencer House for Princess Diana and her brother Charles funded by Jacob Rothschild who converted part of it to his offices. My marriage to Jackie ended after 10 years and I married again, Linda a highly qualified Irish linguist with a double first from Trinity College Dublin. Sadly this failed too after another 10 years Always the optimist, I tried again and married Kim and we have been together now for 25 happy years living in Epping Green (in Epping Forest) with our 2 sons , Jamie 23 currently taking a Masters in Statistics at Manchester having graduated from Durham with a Sociology with Law degree and Harry 21 just graduated from UCLAN with a first degree with Honours in Physiotherapy, not bad for a dyslexic sufferer). I was a Round Tabler in Harlow for 13 years and a Rotarian in Epping for another 13 years. I retired as a Chartered Surveyor in 2013 at 65 and joined a friend and client as a Development Director helping him to develop and construct a major new Shopping area in Chelmsford including a new John Lewis dept store and another 300,000sq ft of retail with a 300 car park underground next to a river !As this successfully opened in September 2016 I retired again and moved to Cadeleigh to our new very modern house and small holding where we have 2 Highland ponies + a Highland foal + a Welsh Class A(so small) pony . Kim has shown native ponies successfully over many years achieving a second place at HOYs a couple of years ago and she is hoping to commence showing in the South West this year. The ponies are company for our 2 spaniels and a Bengal cat that terrorizes all of us! My hobbies are fly fishing (just back from fishing atoll sand flats in the Seychelles) and game shooting which is how I came to know this area well. I have been attending shoots in Devon and elsewhere in the UK and abroad for many years and know many of the best UK shoots are here. Hopefully I will find some time to revisit them. Kim's mother Diane moved with us and we are redeveloping our derelict old Dairy as a new self contained home for her . Delighted to have rejoined Rotary through the good offices of Exe Valley and look forward to developing friend and fellowship and getting involved in the area.



District 1175 Young Photographer Competition

Tiverton High School had 26 students wishing to enter this competition which asked participants to produce a portfolio of three photographs on the theme 'Reflection' and provide a brief description of what each photograph represented in relation to the theme. Other judging criteria was technical merit, content and composition, imagination and style. Unfortunately only one entrant could go through to the next round and so the school approached Youth Committee Chair Charlotte and invited her to be the judge. Sterling work by Charlotte reduced the number to four worthy competitors and she then sought the assistance of Youth Committee members to select the best of the bunch for the next round. Rtns Denham and Viney duly volunteered and found it to be an enjoyable but difficult task as the photographs were of an exceptionally high standard given the age of the competitors. Finally the three agreed that, although there were individual photos that met the competition's criteria, there was one that had the most impressive portfolio and produced a distinct range of subject matter and style. Kate Gardner's work stood out that little bit more by showing an awareness of her surroundings and a wonderful eye for small detail. Kate's winning photos and her comments for each is presented below. Good luck to Kate in the next round!



This first photograph uses flash photography to pick up the dirt and raindrops on the outside of the window. The light then reflects onto the window to create different colours to make an abstract photo.



The second photo I took in the Forest of Dean and uses a lake to create the 'Reflected' part of the photo. The array of trees are being reflected onto the water with great pigmentation.



The third photograph is in black and white to make the reflection more defined; it also uses branches and leaves to make the reflection look a little more obscure.

Kate Gardner



25 January : Ten Pin Bowling

Report by Rt. Arthur Heywood

Photos : President Elect Les and Rt. Richard Taylor



28 people made up of Rotarians, partners and friends, visited the Hollywood Bowl at Taunton. At the last minute Fred and Sue had to withdraw as Sue had injured her leg. Richard Taylor's selected partner telephoned in sick and the only consolation was that he had two free pints of beer. The two main gladiators to watch were Richard Pugsley and Will Webber. I started with two strikes and it was looking very good, but it ended there! Liz Warham mistakenly took Richard Pugsley's turn and gave him a very presentable 9. He returned the compliment by throwing both balls down the gutter for his Aunt, thus nearly starting a diplomatic incident which may have developed into a family feud! Everyone had moments of brilliance with good scores had by all. Top gun of the night was Jerry Tiernan: new member Richard Gough was a short head behind then Andy Harris and Martin Stevens. Skittle captain may wish to note some new team blood but still a very enjoyable evening was had by all. **Arthur**



.....they seek him here, they seek him there, who is that etc., etc., etc.,

The Roving Reporter



Despite warnings members are still acting indiscreetly and their actions never go unspotted by the *Roving Reporter*

Ersatz Elf Exposed!



Readers of the Exeexpress Christmas issue might remember our Gluhwein Stall in the market being visited by the Elf Inspector, (see photo left). I can now reveal that it was an *Impostrous* Inspector and he was nothing more than an erring elf imbibing our gluhwein so freely and in such prestigious quantities that later that evening I photographed him trying to dig his way back home but not realising he was lying on his back! (See photo on right). Suspicions were aroused during his visit when he kept re-testing the gluhwein and saying 'oh, I'm not quite sure', and 'perhaps just one more check before I go', several times. It was also commented that, surely, elves prior to Christmas should be assisting Santa making toys for the little kiddies and polishing Rudolph's nose in readiness for the Big Day. The real identity of the elf remains unknown. If anybody has any information please contact the Exeexpress offices



Speakers' Corner

15th February : Julie Dent CBE, Chair of Devon Partnership NHS Trust

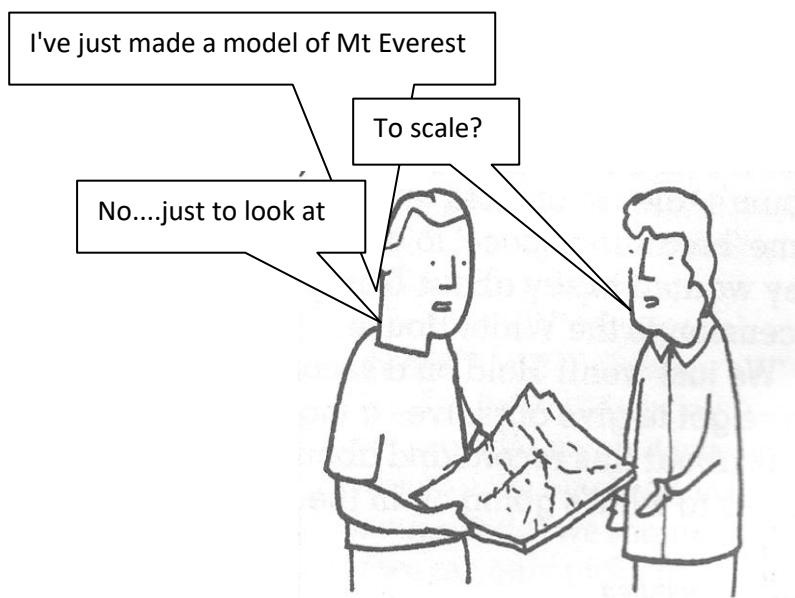


Julie joined the Trust in March 2013. She was previously Chair of Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust, Chief Executive of South West London Strategic Health Authority and Chair of the London Probation Trust. Julie received the CBE in 2005 for services to the NHS. The Trust Board of Directors is publicly accountable for the running of the Trust and holds corporate responsibility for its actions. The Executive Directors of the Trust represent the interests of both the locality and specialist services as well as the strategies which help the Trust to achieve its organisational goals and objectives. The Non-executive Directors of the Trust share responsibility with the other directors of the Trust for the success of the organisation. They have a particular responsibility to ensure that the Board of Directors act in the best interests of the public and is fully accountable to the public for the services provided within the public funds it uses. Non-executive Directors can ensure that the interests of people who use Trust services and the community remain at the heart of the Board's discussions. As well as having corporate responsibility, the non-executive directors hold interests in specific areas, working closely with managers, staff, people who use services and carers, They provide a link between local people and the management of the Trust. Services offered - the first step in supporting, following referral to our services, is usually an assessment - this helps us to establish the needs and the type of support required. The assessment can be followed by a variety of different types of care and treatment. The assessment may take place in one of the new Health and Wellbeing Clinics. The Torbay Clinic opened in January and will be followed with the Health and Wellbeing Clinic - Exeter, at Wonford House and a Health and Wellbeing Clinic in North Devon. Many people supported receive their care and treatment in the community but ongoing care and treatment may also be offered at Health and Wellbeing Clinics. A small number of people may need a stay in hospital to support their recovery and some people may require long-term care and support. Other services offered :- Adults and Older people (including a Dementia Wellbeing Service in Bristol); Perinatal mental health service - for pregnant women concerned about their emotional or mental wellbeing; Depression and anxiety - if you're low in mood, stressed, anxious or depressed; Eating disorders; Alcohol and substance misuse issues (Torbay only); Learning disability; Liaison psychiatry; Specialist Gender Identity Clinic; Sexual medicine; Devon Adult Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); Personality disorder; Secure services; Forensic or secure mental health services (usually people who have come into contact with the criminal justice system); Offender services. For further information: <http://www.devonpartnership.nhs.uk/Who-we-are.16.0.html>

22nd February : Glenn Crocker, Barn Conversions & Planning



Glenn is a professional planner with over 10 years of experience in both private practice and local authority working. He gave a very interesting and informative talk on planning generally and barn conversion in particular. Recent government legislation has greatly relaxed the criteria for new building in the countryside and as a consequence applications to convert barns and other agricultural structures into dwellings has greatly increased. Some aspects of this legislation is currently being challenged in the courts but it is thought that eventually the original aim of the government to enable more barn conversion planning applications to be successful will be achieved.





Join over 1,500 other delegates and 2016/17 Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland President Eve Conway in Manchester, **April 7th – 9th 2017** for a fantastic and memorable Rotary Conference which promises to be full of fun, friendship and inspirational speakers. Also, expect some exciting surprises along the way! The metropolitan city of Manchester has transformed itself into England's edgy northern capital of cool, with so much to see and do. It sets the perfect home for our conference with its innovative exhibitions and museums, red hot food and drink scene and abundant accommodation to suit all. Not to mention all of the hidden gems such as the beautiful Victorian Baths. The city is guaranteed to provide all of the right ingredients to ensure your conference is one to remember. There will be an exciting mixture of functions and entertainment throughout the weekend being held at the impressive Manchester Town Hall and at the breath-taking Midland Hotel. Add to the mix of inspirational and moving speakers, the celebration of the Centenary of The Rotary Foundation and the 10 year anniversary of the Rotary Young Citizen Awards and it is set to be a busy but exciting weekend.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



TIME FOR TEA

On March 8th, International Women's Day, Rotarians across Britain and Ireland will [break for tea and jam to celebrate an historic milestone](#), the dramatic success to date in the ongoing campaign to rid the world of polio. You can find out more about the national Purple4Polio tea party to inspire you to host your own. The tea party [national press release](#) has attracted a lot of attention, with the Purple4Polio campaign as a whole receiving ongoing exposure and unprecedented coverage, with over 600 media reports being achieved. This is essential to keep the Rotary polio story in the mind of the public.

Your Rotary Day events, the Purple4Polio Tea Parties and the flowering of the crocus corms are all good ways of attracting further coverage. We're delighted that Typhoo Tea and Wilkin & Sons Ltd. have got on board with the campaign, supporting us with donations of tea and jam, and also utilising their press, customer and social media relations teams.



SPREAD THE WORD

Sample press releases for both [Rotary Day](#) and the [International Women's Day](#) for clubs and districts has been produced to help you spread the word of your plans for Rotary Day, Purple4Polio and beyond to your local media.

In order to help you harness the power of social media, a number of [draft social media posts](#) have been produced for use on your club and district channels.

Remember to tag the RotaryGBI [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts in your posts as well as sharing our posts to maximise our impact!



PURPLE4POLIO JAM

52,000 jars of Tiptree Purple4Polio jam are finding their way all over Britain and Ireland ready for distribution within each district for your tea parties and anything else you might be planning to use the jam for to raise money for End Polio Now.

Working together Rotary can meet the 1 million GBP target the directors and staff of Tiptree have set us in giving Rotary this very generous donation.

Special [flyers](#) have been printed and will also be distributed to go with each jar of jam.

For more information about the Purple4Polio jam, consult the previous [Purple4Polio newsletter](#) and [Rotary Club Briefing](#).

So let the sticky purple fun begin!



TYPHOO TEA

Each District will also be receiving, by 1st Mar, a supply of Typhoo teabags and Typhoo branded disposable cups for clubs and the district to use for Purple4Polio tea parties.

Typhoo Tea's CEO Somnath Saha says: "Uniting communities to help eradicate polio is essential and we're proud to be a part of helping to achieve this."

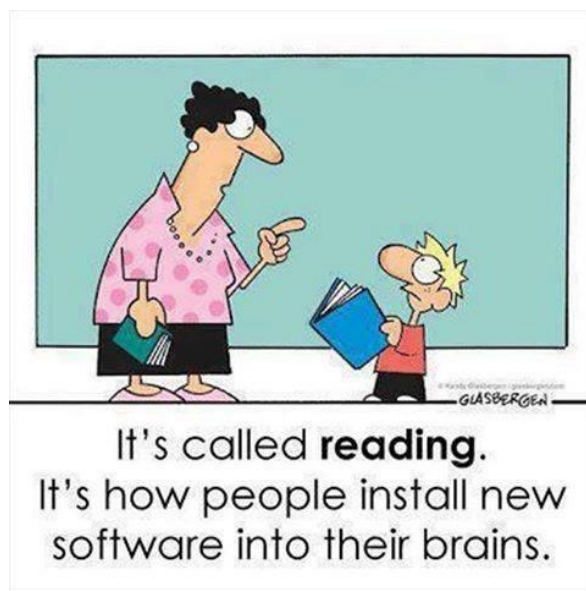


IN FULL BLOOM

This is the time of year when over 6.5 million crocus corms which were planted in the autumn, as well as those previously planted since the crocus corm plantings scheme in 2010, will be starting to bloom. Don't forget to take your snapshots ready for the photographic competition, details of which will be published shortly.

And now is the time to start planning for the 2017 planting season when we are aiming to plant ten million crocus corms with your help. As you know the Royal Horticultural Society partnered with Rotary in this initiative in 2016 and we are hoping this partnership will continue to grow in 2017.

Full details of the arrangements for 2017, including the order forms and updated resources will be available soon, so start talking to schools, local councils, floral groups, community groups, etc. so you are ready to start placing your orders!



Club Bulletin

InfoMedley

A fairly compact review of significant news, reports, emails of the past two months

Business Meeting January 4th 2017: The Treasurers report : Expenditure on £150 Christmas Box paid in cash to the Hartnoll and a £45 speaker fee (Stephen Powles) Income from Gluhwein (total profit £397), £40 in lieu of Christmas Cards and £65 from Heads or Tails at Christmas Dinner – the latter converted into a £100 donation to Shelterbox at the winner's suggestion. Donations made to Shelterbox (above – not yet acknowledged); Salvation Army £375 (acknowledged) and CHAT (£375 – acknowledged) and Royal Agricultural Benevolent Association (Arthur Heywood draw win, £100 – acknowledged). Proposed by KM that a further £375 pounds now be donated to the Salvation Army in Tiverton. Seconded by Rotarian Reynolds who asked that the reasons are annexed to these minutes. Carried. (see ****annexe A for a copy of the written summary provided to club***) Youth Committee: encouraged all members to rise to the challenge to speak to 3 potential Rotaract members in the 18 to 30 age range. Charlotte offered to follow up any leads thought worthwhile after those conversations. Communications: The new communication subcommittee dealing with IHC, websites, social media etc. have yet to hold their inaugural meeting. A meeting is planned soon. The president urged them to be in a position to report back to the next meeting as there are some aspects which are now becoming urgent. Rotarian Denman expressed concern at the level of monies held in our charity account believing that members and Council should take steps to identify suitable causes rather than allowing the club to hold such large sums. Rotarian Steele confirmed the International & Community committees had a number of proposals under consideration and which would be brought to Council in due course. A number of local and international causes, such as ShelterBox, Water Aid and Mercy ships were raised. Rotarian Reynolds pointed out that the broad range of speakers had necessarily reduced the number of speakers from charities and in turn reduced the number of applications. He would furnish the President with a list of those charity speakers who have offered to attend so that their causes can also be considered. Request was received from the floor asking whether the hotel could not offer an alternative fruit dessert to every member rather than having to be asked separately. President will enquire. The £100 charity draw was won by Rtn Reynolds

***Annexe A to minutes of January 4th 2017: From Ken Mills**

Some members had expressed doubt that the annual £750 donation to the Salvation Army was being used locally. Council recommended and the Club agreed to split the donation this year - £375 to the Salvation Army and £375 to CHAT. To discover more I visited them yesterday and spent time with Tony Godwin, who runs the local operation with his wife Heather. The church is in Chapel Street - 01884 253584. The money we send goes directly into the Tiverton Church's Community Fund which is entirely under the control of the Tiverton Church and administered by Tony and Heather to be spent in the local area. This fund is small - £3,000 to £4,000 per year and thus our contribution is very important. They spend it on people whose needs come to their attention, working very closely with CHAT, Social Services and other local organisations. They expect to distribute some 20 parcels of food and toys over the Christmas period. Much of the income is in kind - gifts of toys were accepted whilst I was there and a couple of bags of toys left for the Culm Valley Children's Centre. They maintain close links with other Family and Children's Centres in the area (which includes Cullompton). At the Church they run brunch and lunch clubs, providing hot meals. They also run children's and youth clubs and many other activities. They also participate in wider Salvation Army projects, especially disaster assistance (e.g., they feed the rescuers at major incidents) and the Salvation Army's current major project to combat people trafficking and modern slavery. The Salvation Army itself pays for the building, which they own, its maintenance, the salaries of Tony and Heather and grant many of the activities run there. It is huge. There are two major operations (see their own website and that of the Charities Commission). The SA Social Work Trust has income and expenditure of the order of £120MM. It runs directly care homes and centres, a Housing Association and many other activities. They have reserves of £31MM - about 5 months expenditure. The SA Central Fund is larger - nearly £200MM income and expenditure, with over £500MM in reserves, which are invested to provide income - and funds all the other charitable activities of the SA. Legacies and donations account for two thirds of this income, the balance being trading profits. Beyond reminding me that the Chapel Street building is a church, religion was not specifically mentioned. Overall I am satisfied the money we donate is used well and locally and is very important to them. I shall propose at the next Council meeting that we restore the usual donation by adding another £375.

Ken M

Community

We have not had any new requests for help lately although I would like to hear of any community need that members have identified and thought EVRC might be able to help with. Something to think about - I have recently had some information about Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPoD). Given that this is on the increase and apparently a bigger killer than heart disease is there anything anyone is aware of that we might consider doing?

Tony

International

Members completed the Purple4Polio Crocus Corm plant before Xmas, interring the final 1000 corms on the grass bank to the left of the entrance to the Cullompton Community Health Facility. Many thanks to our new member Dr David Jenner, and Andrew Stennard the Practice Manager for facilitating our efforts. The Rotary Foundation Malt Whisky, 12 bottles I believe, were distributed before Xmas, Many thanks to Rtn. Taylor
Chris Steele

Youth Committee Report

Rotaract

I met with Caitlin Davies again along with another potential member of the embryonic Rotaract club.

1. We have agreed that it would be good for a newly formed Rotaract club to do a small fund raising project to start off with - such as raising money for homeless people in Tiverton. Caitlin pointed out that much was done running up to Christmas and the New Year, but activity tended to tail off afterwards. Keeping the project small would mean that it should be possible to achieve some positive results with the limited time that Rotaractors are likely to have
2. We talked about a longer term possibility of raising money for a shelter box. It seems that one box costs £590 including delivery to the affected area <http://www.rotarygbi.org/rotary-shelterbox-renew-project-partnership/>. There was enthusiasm to think about raising money to send a member of the Rotaract club to the place where the shelter box would be sent.
3. We also talked about Exe Valley Rotary wanting to promote the rotary youth leadership awards, and of the possibility of sending a member of rotaract on a leadership programme.
4. As a possible hook for generating interest in the club we talked about promoting exchanges for members of Rotaract. There is an active programme promoting exchanges for young people between 18 and: www.youthexchange.org.uk/ngse/
5. We also thought it would be best to set up an 'e' rotaract club, but also to try to get members together face to face once a month so they could get to know each other and to have social interaction.
6. Caitlin sent information to the Mid Devon Gazette <http://www.exeterexpressandecho.co.uk/exe-valley-rotary-club-looking-for-young-men-and-women-to-join-new-rotaract-group/story-29939740-detail/story.html> Unfortunately there has been no response
7. The Facebook page has now been made public (it was private). Caitlin will try recontacting a number of other press outlets and Radio stations to see if we can promote the initiative. Given that it is to be set up as an 'e' club we thought it worth promoting as widely as possible within the South West.

Overall we are still looking for at least another 3 enthusiastic youngsters before we could move forward.

11th January 2017

The President elect inducted new Rotarian David Jenner after an introduction by Rotarian Pearson

After an introduction by Rotarian Christiansen Club approved the resolution of Council:- That EVR would donate £200 to each of the four local schools at Willand, Two Moors, Castle and Tidcombe as in previous years for holiday/school visit by disadvantaged children. (Prop CS 2nd BP – carried). That EVR would donate £400 to Tiverton HS specifically for disadvantaged children attending their Kenya project. (Prop LC 2nd DD & carried with one abstention). Feedback would be required from each school showing how the money was spent, with a verbal presentation requested from 2 THS students after the Kenya trip. That the Youth Committee should submit on behalf of the Club applications to RHCT for funding to match or supplement each of the above sums donated.

Business Meeting 1st February 2017: Donations made to: Balloons (£100 – F. Reynolds draw) Sampford Peverell Parish Council (£500) for the play area renovation, returnable if their major grant not received Salvation Army – extra £375 – acknowledged Loos The £100 cheque sent to ShelterBox has been cashed Uffculme Account - £2,629 (£2,675 last month); Deposit payments (£260) made to Premier and Rainbow Gecko. First £215 stalls income paid in. Special Account - \$1 (as last month)

NB: Application has been made to HMRC to register the Club/charity for Gift Aid. Rotarians Disney & Shears reported that EVRC Website updating is back on track with much work done recently and further updates in train. A Group Facebook glitch has been addressed. Head & Shoulder photos are needed of Council Members. AOB - Rotarian Christiansen explained the call for volunteer invigilators from Tiverton high School for this May & June. Expressions of interest to Les, please. 6) The draw to nominate which charity should receive £100 was won by Rotarian Disney (nominee to be forwarded to the treasurer please)

Treasurer's Report: Donations made to: Balloons (£100 – F. Reynolds draw) – acknowledged; Sampford Peverell Parish Council (£500) for the play area renovation, returnable if their major grant not received – acknowledged; Salvation Army – extra £375 – acknowledged. The £100 cheque sent to ShelterBox has been cashed (11 Jan 17), but no acknowledgement received – Treasurer has chased. Application has been made to HMRC to register the Club for Gift Aid. Discussion of the Easyfunding App (B. Pearson suggestion) will be postponed until the March meeting.

Youth Committee Report - 1st February 2017

1. 5 applications were made to RHCT in time for the deadline
2. Templeton Trails. A decision is needed on the date.

I emailed Kerry Roberts to ask about suitable dates - and in particular 9 April. Understandably I have not heard back from him I have looked at the database in Runners World for 9th April - the suggested date for the Templeton Trails.

3. Rotaract. I have been in touch with Caitlin who had plans to talk to a local radio station today. I have also heard from Tiverton Rotary Club. Apparently they also have someone who could be seriously interested. I am trying to organise a meeting with all interested parties in the coming week. I do hope that things are going well with the 'speak to three young people challenge'. For those who have not seen it please find attach the brief flyer that I put together to give some information on what Rotaract could offer and where to get more information

4. I have not heard back from Mandy Slevin about the Youth Speaks competition so I am not at all sure that they will be entering a team this year - I will press to see what her plans are as time is short

PROGRAMME for MARCH - JUNE 2017

Wednesday	8th	March	Charlotte Waelde - 'Ethiopia'
Wednesday	15th	March	Martyn Green - 'Professional Regulation'
Wednesday	22nd	March	6.30pm Uffculme Show Meeting. Les Christiansen - 'Honeylands'
Wednesday	29th	March	Visit The Globe at Sampford Peverell. PARTNERS' EVENING. F&F arranging
Wednesday	5th	April	6.30pm Council Meeting Business Meeting
Wednesday	12th	April	6.30pm Uffculme Show Committee Meeting
Wednesday	5th	April	6.30pm Council Meeting. Business Meeting
Wednesday	12th	April	6.30pm Uffculme Show Meeting. Jan Heptinstal - 'Prison Fellowship'
Wednesday	19th	April	Jon Sowden and THS Head Girl, Lucy Marston and Head Boy, Will Goffey, visiting
Wednesday	26th	April	Uffculme Show Planning Meeting
Monday	1st	May	Uffculme Show
Wednesday	3rd	May	Uffculme Show debriefing
Wednesday	10th	May	6.30pm Council Meeting. Club AGM & Business Meeting
Wednesday	17th	May	TBA
Wednesday	24th	May	TBA
Wednesday	31st	May	PARTNERS' EVENING. F&F arranging
Wednesday	7th	June	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting
Wednesday	14th	June	Club Assembly
Wednesday	21st	June	TBA
Wednesday	28th	June	Handover Evening PARTNERS' EVENING
Wednesday	5th	July	6.30pm Council Meeting. Business Meeting

Tiverton Rotary Club is to hold their annual **QUIZ NIGHT**

FRIDAY MARCH 31st 2017 7.00pm for prompt 7.30pm start at : BLUNDELL'S BIG SCHOOL
Teams of up to six people at most may compete. Entry fee is £8.50 per person, which includes a supper & pudding. (Vegetarian option - please order when booking) There will be a bar! Proceeds to Rotary Charities. Register your team with Norman Annett by 21st March on 01884 256644 or normanannett@btinternet.com

Politics



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As President Trump introduces his new Diplomatic Corps to the world's media our political correspondent, Mack O'Velli, investigates the reasons behind Russian President Putin's desire to improve his diplomatic relations with the USA



(Editor's Note: cancel the trip Mack, I think we got it)

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