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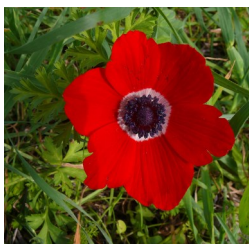


Tim Barton, President 2021/22

President's Foreword

A couple of months ago we were basking in nice weather, longer days and the warm afterglow of a job well-done following our superb efforts for the Uffculme Show. It was a brilliant undertaking from everyone who planned, organised and spent much time and energy doing the myriad of tasks before, during and after the show. Our efforts were well rewarded with an excellent venue, wonderful weather and a pent-up desire from thousands of visitors to give us our best ever show attendance. Music, food, ring displays, dog-show, over 100 stalls and 140 classic cars made it a great day that was enjoyed by all. Our tasks over the coming weeks will be to allocate the show proceeds to various charities and to begin to plan again for next year. All volunteers for the next round are gratefully received!!!

Lest we Forget



Congratulations to Castle Primary, Tiverton for their moving video for Remembrance Day

View it at

<https://www.facebook.com/castleprimaryschool/videos/294685795993515>

(You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch this.)

In the weeks that followed, Gavin Haig arranged a visit to watch a Tiverton Town football match (wrong result for Tiverton I'm afraid) and, at a partners evening, to view a previously televised video of the gardens at his previous house by the River Exe. The message from the video about caring for our wildlife and environment is even more relevant today than it was over 20 years ago when the film was made. We had a series of extremely interesting presentations, firstly from Richard Vickery about his time on helicopters, then by Tony Melville about his career in the Police and from Stephen Powles on the activities of Hedgehogs. Next on the agenda is a sports evening organised by Bob Rice in the Social Club in Rewe. It'll be fun to see how that turns out as I haven't played skittles, darts, pool or snooker for many years. I'm sure that tales of a misspent youth (age is only relative) will surface at some time in the future. In the meantime, I hope that you all stay safe and well and we look forward to our Christmas party in the Hartnoll Hotel on 15th December.

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Our Man in the Field

I was on my way to Milverton a couple of weeks ago and saw a lot of tractors in a large field, I suppose there was about 30 tractors and ploughs, ploughing this large field. I thought this is why there were so many, ploughing at once, to get the job done quickly, or was it a championship. I thought I would take a look. Inspecting what was going on, I saw someone that I knew, it was one of our Rotarians, most would guess who it was.

I had a look at what he was doing, you can see he was very engrossed in his work, because it turned out it was a championship. His work looked good and tidy. You can see from the photos as he was making progress and the finishing off was all part of the skill, you can see he was making a good job of it and he was able to pick up a prize.

We have members in our club that has all sorts of skills, one of them is ploughing a furrow.

Regards,

Ray

Greetings from Reading Abbey

Penny and I went to my old Club of Reading Abbey on last Saturday evening for their 40th. Birthday celebrations.

A good time was had by all at Sonning Golf Club.

I am 1 of 5 remaining Founder Members, and was Founder Secretary!

I passed on Exe Valley's Greetings and Congratulations, and their President Sue Robinson asked me to pass on her Club's Greetings.

Rtn. Andrew Butler

"The Local Rotary Clubs Co-operate"



At the northern end of our area, Rotarians from Tiverton, Exmoor and Exe Valley Rotary Clubs helped out. Firstly, the Bampton Heritage Centre was forced to move their holding from a store in a local farm to another store in another local farm, due to the death of the first farm's owner. Depicted is Wendy Mills of Exmoor R.C. and Paul Edwards of Tiverton R.C. who helped our own Ken Mills with the move. Tony Trigg, Derrick Webster and Ed Tanner from Exmoor R.C. also helped out.

One of the shortest wills ever written read:
'Being of sound mind, I spent all my money.'

The 763rd annual Bampton Fair was held recently. Rotarians from all three clubs helped erect tents on one of Bampton's car parks.

Ken M



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Two Rivers Festival

The Club regularly provided marshalling and parking support for the Two Rivers Festival and the Tiverton Balloon Race which were held in the grounds of Tiverton High School and Petroc College.

While the High School students performed William Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors:



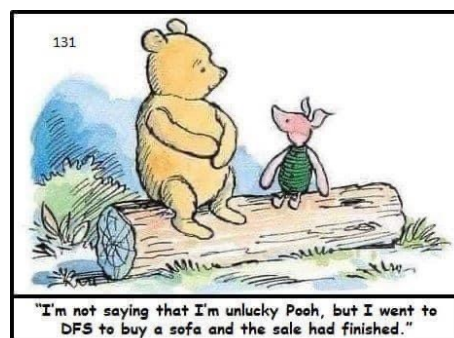
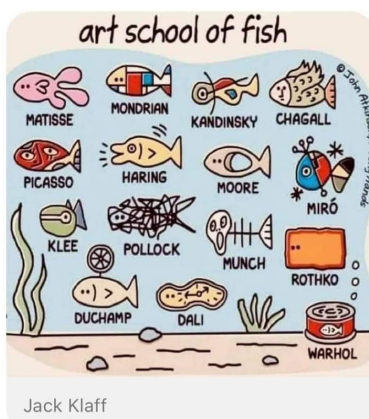
... some Club members provided a warm up act in the road approaching the venue which many a passer-by called a "Comedy of Parking Errors"

The cast consisted of identical twin Rotarians, (see picture), who caused much merriment with their attempt to park cars.



Further mirth was provided with a virtuoso performance by

Rtn Richard Taylor, (appearing by courtesy of Culm Valley Festival Players), who, ignoring all sense of personal safety, and the cursing of car drivers, happily directed traffic into the wrong car park.



Mid Devon Show Quiz - 24/9/21

winner Rtn Arthur Heywood + team!

There were three teams with an EVRC member involved, competing with 25 other teams. Rtn. Heywood's table won all the choccies!

The other two Rotarians were on tables that scored a few points less than the winners, so no choccies for Rtns. D Blackburn or R Taylor, but a good time was enjoyed by all and the Hopiscare charity benefitted substantially from the evening's proceeds! Tivvy Football club did us proud.

See attached pic, taken from the Questionmaster's table on the stage. (See if you can pick out the 3 Rotarians; all are visible, just about!)



Bob Rice reports on the inaugural Exe Valley Rotary Indoor Sports Competition

Indoor Sports Evening Rewe Social Club Wednesday 17/11/2021

Seventeen Rotarians attended and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening playing darts, snooker, pool and finishing with a few legs of skittles. Members were placed into either Team Radford or Team Rice. At the end of the darts, snooker and pool competitions, remarkably the scores were level, therefore making the skittles match incredibly nail biting. As only the organiser knew what was happening, no one was able to ratify the scores!



The skittles was hard fought with the outcome only being decided by a brilliant score of seven by Trefor Davies, Team Radford's captain, on the very last throw. Team Radford won by 2 pins and took the inaugural Bob Rice Indoor Sports Bowl. The trophy had only been commissioned that day at Tesco costing 15 shillings. President Tim Barton presented the Bowl to Trefor.

A sumptuous meal of cottage pie followed by trifle or pear tart with cream (£2 a head) ended the evening. With beer at £2.80 a pint, the evening was well received with many asking that it be repeated.

Main observations of the night for me were that David Jenner did very well to pass all his medical exams as he must have spent a lot of study time either on the snooker table or skittle alley!

On the same week for BBC Children in Need, weather presenter Owain Wyn Evans completed a 24 hrs drum marathon followed by Sophie Ellis Bexter completing a 24 hr kitchen disco dance. What received much less publicity was Rotarian Melville attempting to complete a 24 hr "Trying to hit a double on the dart board" session. A double wasn't achieved on the night and indeed as I walked my dogs passed his house early on Thursday morning, I could hear what sounded like darts being thrown at a board accompanied by much tutting and sighing.





Youth Service Award

for Service Above Self

Presented To

Exe Valley Rotary Club

for service exemplary of Rotary International's commitment to youth throughout the world through cooperation between Rotary International and Scouting.


President

September 10, 2021

Date

Awarded to Exe Valley in recognition of our recent co-operation with the local scouts. The thanks should really go to the local scout troop who ably assisted at the Uffculme Show.

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