

EXEpress

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The Newsletter of Exe Valley Rotary Club



President Bob's Notes

Hi all, this is my last edition of Presidential notes for Exepress as last night I handed over the chains of office to John. I would like to thank all those that attended the evening and had as much fun as my wife and I did. It was very humbling to see so many of you there. I bought Rotarian Pugsley a drink afterwards, £10!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I assume that's why he has been buying his own all year! Last night summed up my Rotary year, it was all light hearted and fun. However, in order to achieve the same, an awful lot of work has to go into it. With that in mind I would like to thank again, the wonderful work of the Council members, the Uffculme Show Committee and those who hold the ongoing posts of speaker finding, draw arranging, IT work, regalia provision and Exepress editing for your continual hard work. The same thanks to all of you that have helped throughout the year at the numerous events we participate and assist in. The recipient of the Peter Aldridge Trophy, for Rotarian of the year, was not present, so it will be handed over as soon as possible.

Since the last Exepress we have held a very successful Uffculme Show, inducted two new members Nic Drake and Anthony Steiner, held a Treasure Hunt, enjoyed a sensational speaker in Dr Patrick Hook, went to Somerset Cricket Club to study precipitation, visited the Met office and held a Club Assembly. Our Assistant Governor, Anthony Aggett, has visited us three times recently and he is quite right when he always says "Your Club does so much".

That's enough from me, as I was told three times last night, you're "A has been now!" I shall remember who said that come fines time! Seriously though, it is now John's time and I wish him and his team the best of luck for the forthcoming year. I'm sure they will enjoy the same level of support I received. Thanks again to every one of you.



President's Night on 29th May was also Handover Night - President Bob to President Elect John.....now President John!



President John to President Elect Les

President John looks forward to a good Rotary Year

Club Notice Board

Bi-Monthly Brief Briefing Notes

Business Meeting 11th May

Reports

President Bob reported the offer received from Caerphilly Male Voice Choir to perform in Devon. £862 at a cost of choir with recommended venue size 200 – 300 at recommended ticket price £10 - £12. Choir's available 2016 dates Oct 8th, 22nd, 29th & Nov 19th. Council felt the need for a second fund raising event and would support this venture provided an enthusiastic event leader were found. After discussion Bob asked anyone willing to lead this project please contact him. Willand Village Hall (providers of equipment for use at Uffculme Show) provided details of a forthcoming fund raising Goth music event. The meeting approved Council's recommended £100 donation from Charity fund.

Treasurer Ken Mills explained his intention at the AGM to propose a £10 subscription increase to £90 for the next year (a return to the 2013/14 level). It was asked that any request for factual information/questions should be raised by email in advance. Ken will circulate Q's and A's before debate and subsequent vote at the AGM. Recommended the usual £500* grant to Foundation should be repeated this year though not specified for End Polio campaign but left to Foundation to allocate. Richard Taylor suggested we return to the previous format of making that donation from Charity account rather than from Club funds.

International & Foundation Peter Mitchell thanked Mike and Kath Hooper for helping him at Uffculme Show running the Shelterbox display. The nearest estimate of the number of ducks was 525 (actual = 529) Funds raised have been passed over to Shelterbox. A lead at the show to Rob Edwards, water engineer planning a project in Tonga, is being followed up as a possible speaker and with regards introduction to Aquabox.

Youth Committee Written report from CW thanking all for support at the Templeton Trail event and confirming the committee had decided to advance the formation of a local "Rotaract" group. A paper with ideas and requests for help will be presented to members shortly.

Any other reports Uffculme Show - Charles Denman reminded members the show debrief had been undertaken the previous week and again thanked all who assisted. Takings were higher than feared given the wet weather but net income is predicted to be down on last year. ADG Anthony Aggett thanked EVR for his invitation and then invited members to the District Meeting next week, planning the Assembly Foundation's 100th anniversary year (Rotary started in 1905 but Foundation was not launched until 1912). He explained to new and existing members the work of the End Polio campaign and the fund matching now provided by the Bill Gates Foundation (£2 for each £1 raised). With Nigeria now clear and only 2 reported cases in Pakistan we are so close, but even when there are none, inoculations will have to continue for 2 or 3 years to avoid further outbreaks.

Draw Charity draw won by Chris Shears (nomination to be submitted to Treasurer)

Business Meeting 1st June

Committee Chairmen were reminded that a report will be needed for the Club Assembly on 22 June. The Assistant District Governor will attend and hear our plans for the coming year. District's new map was revealed, placing us within "Area 10" of our District.

Treasurer Charity Account balances will be delivered next meeting after transfers.

Recent payments had been made to Avascular Necrosis, Willand Village Hall, Prostate Cancer Research, Culm Valley Memorial Cafe and Western Rivers Trust. Payments have been made for £200 £150 as thank you's to Uffculme School and Air Cadets for their contribution at the Uffculme Show. The Lusitano horses again declined to charge for their presentation so a further donation to Devon Air Ambulance was made in their name in the sum of £300. The Treasurer asked that each organiser of each event from now on delivers to him a summary of financial movements along with cash taken to help him keep accurate records.

Community and Vocation There had been no further approach from MDDC re the envisaged Tivvy Bumper "all aboard" trail. No further action. He sought names for help with the Electric Nights Street food festival on the 1st Saturday of each month from June through to September. Help had been offered to the Heathcoat Park-Fest but there had been no feedback. Rotarian Shears thought it was proceeding on the August Bank Holiday Monday. He offered to act as go-between. The recent Marie Curie collections raised £500.

A request to lend Tiverton Rotary Club equipment for use in the People's Park fun run was approved - conditions as last year with a £25 donation requested

Youth Committee Members were advised that a walk, picnic, music and bar was being arranged at the Templeton Trail site for 13 July as a partners' and guests' evening, probable cost £13 per head

Any other reports Proposed Rotarian Withers seconded Rotarian Waelde and carried unanimously that profit generated by the Templeton Trail and Gluevein events be moved from the Club Account to the Charity Account because some members of the public had been told they were charitable fundraising events and had given donations on that basis. The Treasurer asked for details from the organisers of those events.

Draw Charity draw won by Ray Radford.

(Editor's Note: the above Brief Notes are exactly that, 'brief'.

They are designed to give a simple overview of the main action points. For a full report please read the relevant Business Minutes)

Main Points

Membership A report from the Membership Committee was read. Member numbers are healthy at 41 with 3 new members in the year. It is everyone's responsibility to recruit and bring guests to meetings. Retention of members is helped by an interesting programme for which thanks was given to Rotarian F Reynolds who masterminds the programme but needs ideas and help from all.

Community and Vocation Rotarian Vickery reported that the Club had made life better for a significant number of birds and bats within the hospital gardens, and for the community at large in the varied activities of club throughout the year.

International No report was given to the AGM

Fun and Fellowship Rotarian J Radford reported that a good year had been enjoyed by Rotarians with a wide-ranging and interesting series of events, including a race meeting, car treasure hunt, visit to the Met office, barbecue, visit to lifeboat station, a walk, a visit to cricket, partners' night at an Indian restaurant and others. He thanked members of the sub-committee for their support.

Youth Rotarian Charlotte Waelde reported the sub-committee had agreed to push for the formation of the new Rotaract Club next year and lots of work is envisaged in that respect. Club's support for the Youthspeak competition fostered the start of a new debating club in the local school with enthusiasm for continued participation. The Youth Leadership Award sponsorship is in hand with plans to seek nominations for next year's participation, (a project that could well feed into a new Rotaract Club). The Templeton Trail was a success enjoyed by runners and organisers alike and it is planned to repeat next year. A members walk and picnic at the same venue is planned for 13 July, with new food bar and music planned open to Rotarians, partners, guests and friends. Thanks were expressed to members of the Committee and to Rotarian Pearson for his help and facilities at Templeton. The Committee arranged holidays for the children's trust with four schools benefiting from grants to which Club and Trust contributed equally. Help has been sought for car park marshalling at the Two Rivers Festival on 11 July. Help has also been arranged to bring equipment from school to the Mid Devon Show 23rd July with marshalling of the car park as well. Finally the Tag Rugby competition might now happen after all (28th of June).

The President thanked all Chairmen of all Sub-Committees, and their members for the hard work undertaken.

Sports In the absence of Rotarian Freeman, the President reported, amongst much applause, that Exe Valley Rotary Club won the skittles cup and commented that John was very highly regarded within the district for the work he undertakes in organising the event.

"Exepress" Rotarian Viney reported that he was now in his sixth year editing the newsletter with Issue 43 on the press. It is a bi-monthly publication.. He thanked all for their contributions and for the archive material provided. He finds it difficult to assess its success but circulation now extends far beyond club members themselves and all feedback seems very supportive. He has agreed to remain as editor for another year but calls upon all Committee Chairman to contribute something after each meeting.

Website/IT No report. The President thanked those involved in the website for the Club, the Uffculme Show and the Templeton Trail

Treasurer Rotarian Mills confirmed the accounts had been approved by the auditor. A budget is in the course of preparation. He had circulated members with an overview of expenditure from the Club's account, explaining the difference between that and the Charity and Special accounts. Club funds are our own money funded by subscriptions minus District and RBI payments. Profit from weekly draws bolsters the income plus some profits from other non-charitable activities. He explained a Club account trading deficit is forecast unless subscriptions were increased now. Proposed that subscriptions increase from £80 to £90 forthwith. Seconded by Rotarian Butler. Carried unanimously. The President's expenses were proposed at £600 per annum with the term "expenses" used instead of "honorarium" from now on. Carried unanimously. Treasurer then drew members' attention to the now normal annual £500 donation to Foundation. Some clubs pay nil and some considerably more. Foundation's recommendation is £1200. He proposed £500 be agreed from the Club account for this year with a specific election that it be dedicated to the "abolish polio" movement. Rotarian Withers suggested that it be that the topic be adjourned for consideration to the International Committee and brought back to a Business Meeting when a decision can also be taken whether payment be from Club Account or Charity Account. Treasurer confirmed that payment from the Charity Account will be permissible. Amendment was carried. The process deferred to the next business meeting.

2016/2017 Officers The following were sole nominees and election confirmed en bloc unanimously proposed Rotarian Vickery seconded Rotarian Davies.

President: John Freeman Senior Vice President: Les Christiansen Junior VP No nomination

Secretary: Andy Harris Assistant Secretary: David Disney Treasurer: Ken Mills

Council Members The above plus the Chair of each Committee. * District delegates – President, Secretary. Reserve Bob Rice.

Auditor William Withers

Honorary membership of Jeff Percy was confirmed for another year

* (There were no proposals for council membership from the floor. All Rotarians are welcome to attend as observers and participate in Council.)

A proposal received from Rotarian Vickery seconded Rotarian Disney that Club purchase a shipping container which Rotarian J Radford offered to site free of charge by Uffculme Show site. New storage facilities were needed for the caravan. Proposed Rotarian Mills seconded Rotarian King that the proposal be adjourned to a Business Meeting in order that insurance quotes alternative ideas and information about condensation could be available before a vote was taken then. Carried.

Youth Committee Report

Exe Valley Rotary Club

1 June 2016.

Rotaract.

Further to my discussions with Rotaract clubs around the country, Alan Jukes, Rotarian from Brackley club, who has responsibility for and experience with setting up Rotaract clubs in his district came to talk to Exe Valley on 24 February about his experiences with Rotaract. His talk reinforced the messages that I had heard from clubs:

- a. a rotaract club depended heavily on the enthusiasm of a core group of people who would drive it forwards
- b. support of rotary was essential – but should not be too intrusive financial support helpful at least to start with
- c. having a project was a good idea
- d. rotaract clubs should not take on too much – young people are busy
- e. young people join rotaract for a variety of reasons: to find like minded people; to give something to the community; for friendship and a social life; networking; learning new (professional) skills
- f. essential to use social media: facebook; twitter; meetup etc. also use local press
- g. on whether a rotaract club should be established in a University – there are pros and cons: pros – support from the guild/union; training; meeting places; support with running the club. Cons: membership may be limited to students – or non-students may join but likely to be precluded from taking on roles (president etc); because of turn-over of students difficult to get continuity
- h. ideas of where to find potentially interested leaders: scouts; guides; cadets; colleges; RYLA candidates; those who have been involved in rotary youth programmes; rotary scholarship students.

It was agreed at the Youth committee meeting in May 2016 that the committee should proceed with efforts to establish a Rotaract club in the Tiverton area. The incoming President suggested members of the youth committee who might best be able to reach out to possible Rotaract members. This initiative will be high on the list of priorities for the coming year.

Youth Speaks

THS entered 2 teams to the Youth Speaks Competition after having presented at a Rotary evening. While the teams did not win the heat, much fun was had by all, and THS determined to establish a public speaking club as a result.

RYLA

While Mandy Slevin has expressed interest in putting forwards young people for the RYLA scheme and the club has agreed that costs will be met, no names have been forthcoming so far. The group will continue to liaise with Mandy to see if we can sponsor young people – who may ultimately support Rotaract (and other Rotary) initiatives.

Meeting with Petroc

I met with Pene Prior, Mark Challacombe and Zoey Arthurs at Petroc on 3 February. The purpose was to talk about youth opportunities via Rotary. I have emailed to ascertain whether they would like to pursue initiatives that we discussed.

Templeton Trail

This year we held two runs of 5 and 10k and had a total of 54 runners. We had really positive feedback from participants. Many thanks went to all members of Exe Valley Rotary club, their partners and friends who turned up to make the event such a success – on a beautiful sunny day. Thanks also went to Kerry Roberts and Debbie Bidmead who encouraged their runners to take part. Such was the success of the evening that an Exe Valley Rotary walk and picnic on Wednesday 13 July has been organised to walk at least some of the route that the Templeton Trails took this year. This will take the form of a walk starting at about 6.30pm on 13 July – open to Rotary members, partners and friends – and then end up for a meal at Holmead along with music – courtesy of Ellie P and her guitarist. Cost will be £13 plus an 'honesty bar'. We will invite Guy, Bindy, Allyson and their partners and helpers as a 'thank you' for all of their hard work and support for the Trails. We have Bruce P to thank for ideas, hospitality and a great deal of organisation.

Rotary Holiday for Children's Trust

Four applications have been funded by the Trust –Two Moors, Castle, Willand and Tidcombe. The schools have been asked to return the forms with the budget once available

Charlotte Waelde

30 May 2016.

Exepress Report

AGM 1st June 2016

This is the sixth year of the newsletter with issue 43 due out in a couple of weeks time. The format of the newsletter is now well established with a bi-monthly publication and about 12/16 pages per copy. Content varies depending on the amount of activity the Club has done and the amount of news available. The less news the more it is padded out with photos and items manufactured in the whimsical mind of the editor. Although not requested or officially acknowledged by the Club I was very pleased to start this year with a special edition celebrating our club's 30th Anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to record my thanks to the Club's first President, Ken Courage and the 30th, Andrew Butler, for contributing two important items at very short notice, to Richard Taylor for trawling through the club archives for some very interesting facts & figures, and also to the many who contacted me with some very heartening comments.

Assessing the success and worthiness of the newsletter is difficult. There are no circulation figures produced - it's not a publication, as far as I know, available in national or local newsagents and my Rotary circulation list gives no indication of actual readership or the interest they have in it.

What is known is that some Rotarians outside this Club's membership have asked to be included in the circulation list, the feedback I do get from some readers is invariably positive & enthusiastic, the contributions this past year from Committee Chairpersons and others have been very supportive and the best ever. Most importantly of all, as a measure of success, I have been asked by PE John to produce the newsletter next year.

Finally - Exepress relies on contributions from members, and in particular Committee Chairpersons, to make it a true 'newsletter'. Without your provision of news, activity, gossip, photos, etc., my job as editor would be impossible - so please help me by providing items next year.

Mike Viney
Exepress Editor

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT TO CLUB ASSEMBLY 22/06/2016

The club has a healthy current membership of 41, one up on my report at Club Assembly last year. As the previous year we have gained three new members.

Our club experience of recent years shows we need three new members each year just to keep membership numbers at least stable. The diversity of the club membership is a topic which has been discussed in the past - of particular note is the 100% increase in female membership of the club over the last year!

The new Membership Committee have a meeting booked at my home on Tuesday 05 July specifically to update our Membership Development and Retention Strategy for the forthcoming Rotary year.

Membership retention is all about ensuring everyone wishes to attend club meetings.

We have been very successful in this regard and believe an interesting programme goes a very long way to both retaining and attracting new members. We have been (hopefully) assisting Fred Reynolds by providing programme and speaker suggestions. Especial thanks are due to Fred for what I feel has been a particularly good programme of speakers this year, something we shall be looking to continue next Rotary year.

I suspect everyone particularly enjoyed our speaker Patrick Hook of a couple of weeks ago - and with hindsight could easily have invited along at least one guest who too would have really enjoyed that speaker and had a really good evening with the club.

Membership development is not just the responsibility of myself and the membership committee - it is everyone's responsibility. Please everyone do invite guests along to our meetings. Enjoying a couple of evenings at the club is the far and away the surest way of attracting a new member. Likewise please do all you can to help Fred with finding speakers for our meetings.

BRUCE PEARSON

Members' Duty Roster 2016

| | | | | Grace | Meal Steward | Vote of Thanks/Object |
|------|----|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| July | 6 | 7.30/8.00 | Council & Business | Stevens Martin | Derrett Ron | Radford Ray |
| | 13 | 7.30/8.00 | | Taylor Richard | Disney David | Reynolds Fred |
| | 20 | 7.30/8.00 | | Vickery Richard | Drake Nic | Rice Robert |
| | 27 | 7.30/8.00 | | Viney Mike | Fetherston Roger | Shears Chris |
| Aug | 3 | 7.30/8.00 | Council & Business | Waelde Charlotte | Fuller Robert | Steele Chris |
| | 10 | 7.30/8.00 | | Webber William. | Haig Gavin | Steele Chris |
| | 17 | 7.30/8.00 | | West Bruce | Heywood Arthur | Steiner Antony |
| | 24 | 7.30/8.00 | | Withers William | Hutton Graham | Stevens Martin |
| | 31 | 6.30/8.30 | | Butler Andrew | Kidd Ken | Jerry Tiernan |
| Sept | 7 | 7.30/8.00 | Council & Business | Christiansen Les | King Chris | Taylor Richard |
| | 14 | 6.00/8.30 | | Cole Eric | Leach Fred | Vickery Richard |
| | 21 | 7.30/8.00 | | Crocker, Lester | Mitchell Peter | Viney Mike |
| | 28 | 7.30/8.00 | | Davies Trefor | Pearson Bruce | Waelde Charlotte |

2016/2017 Committees

Youth Committee

Charlotte Waelde (Chair)
Charles Denman
Nicola Drake
Bob Rice
Jerry Tiernan
Mike Viney
William Webber

Fellowship and Fun

Ray and John Radford
(Joint Chair)
Trevor Davis
David Disney
Arthur Heywood
Fred Leach
John Phillips
Bruce West

Community & Vocational

Les Christiansen
Andrew Butler
Gavin Haig
Christopher King
Chris Shears
Anthony Steiner
Richard Vickery

International and Foundation

Richard Taylor
Eric Cole
Bob Fuller
Ken Kidd
Ken Mills
Peter Mitchell
Chris Steele

Membership

Bruce Pearson (Chair)
Ken Courage
Ronald Derrett
Graham Hutton
Martin Stevens
William Withers

27th June 2016

Dear Rotarians,

It does not seem like twelve months ago that we were gathering for the inaugural handover to District 1175 and in those twelve months it has been a privilege to be your District Governor visiting clubs and events in various guises.

There may have been problems with the database but slowly we are getting there and the majority of members have signed up and are receiving news and information from District through this channel; IF you are NOT receiving this news, you may be listed as 'opted out' - something you can change for yourself.

It has been a pleasure to welcome new members into the Family of Rotary International, the world's premier service organisation with some 1.2million members in over 220 countries, and as members we can attend any Rotary club anywhere in the world.

Also it has been a great joy for me to learn of the youth events our District is promoting - the increase in Rotakids and Interact Clubs, RYLAs and all the competitions for young people in conjunction with schools and colleges. Alas we have yet to charter a new Rotaract Club! A challenge for Stephen's team

Throughout the year Rotary, has continued to help everyone who needs that helping hand, whether at home or abroad, and it is very important that the sponsors of new members help in sharing their experiences as this, in turn, helps everyone to determine their own individual areas of focus. I hope our new members this year will grow in confidence and look forward to the day they are Club President.

Rotarians interacting with fellow members is the life blood of friendships and aids us to have a fruitful working relationship. The 2016 District Conference was a great success and opportunity for members to interact, learn from interesting speakers and enjoy themselves as they certainly did by all accounts! Thank you to all attendees.

I hope that in the coming year District and Regional Council meetings will be better attended - it is in the interest of everyone to partake in discussion and decision making as well as hearing interesting talks on projects already progressing in District or perhaps make proposals for something in the future.

Our International Rotary Theme this year 2015/16 has been 'Be a Gift to the World' not in financial terms but where your talent, vocation, enthusiasm, passion and commitment has produced magnificent results and now we progress into "Serving Humanity".

I invite you to come to our District Handover on Sunday 3rd July at Roadford Lake, Lakeside Function Suite, Broadwoodwidge, Lifton PL16 ORL (take the Stowford Cross exit off the A30) from 13:00 with a formal start at 13:30, finishing with a cream tea at 15:30. Cost £6.

There will be awards, presentations and outstanding young people so please come along.

Also on the 3rd July early morning why not join us at Okehampton College for the Youth Games - helpers needed from 9am to midday after which we can drive to the Handover just 20 minutes down the road.

In closing I thank you for your patience and tolerance in nurturing District 1175, in its first year, to serve the world in so many ways.

It has been my privilege to be at the helm but aided by a wonderful District team including Club Presidents. Thank you TEAM.

As I prepare for my role as a Rotary International Director never forget that, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me – brian@stoyel.co.uk



Thank you for everything you are doing in the name of Rotary Service & Fellowship

Club News

Uffculme Show 2nd May

A pictorial guide.....

The setting-up



'Why is he untangling the middle when the knots are at each end?'
'Ignore him, he caused it, he can sort it'

Rtn Bruce West wishes he had heeded advice **NOT** to put the entry booth over a large hole

Several knotty problems have to be solved, and the usual helpful advice offered



The ShelterBox arrives.and eventually the finest minds that Exe Valley Rotary Club can offer finally work out how to erect it - and wonder how on earth homeless people fleeing disasters, such as floods, earthquakes, landslides, volcano eruptions, and Donald Trump, manage it

Cometh the day....



EVRC members are given their marching orders. they march off



.with very different ideas as to what is actually required - luckily help is at hand with the cadets and other non Rotarian support

IT'S SHOW TIME!



The Welcoming Committee greets the first paying customer!



..... the queues form



The chef says 'bring 'em on!'



....only for the first paying customer to be totally ignored!



Rain stops play for a little while. . but after some swabbing down the stage is safe for some serious navel gazing



No show is complete without **bubbles,**



skittles,



dogs,



dancing bellies*

(*Editor's Note: Shouldn't that read 'dancing belles' ?)

Finally - Something Sensible

The Report

Uffculme Show 2016

Another year over and another successful day. Despite a change in the weather at lunchtime we are pleased to have raised approximately £5500 towards the many charities that we support through the year as well as providing a fun day out for our local community. We were particularly grateful to Neil Parish our local MP and Chairman of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee, for sparing the time in his busy schedule to officially open proceedings and for spending time with us through the morning. Entertainment was supplied by the usual suspects kicked off in lively fashion by the Taiko Drummers. Unfortunately they were unable to perform in the afternoon session once the rain came. However all the other acts were able to keep going notably the Kalash Dancers whose barefoot performance was much appreciated by those hardy spectators who survived the showers. Heatwave Samba from Uffculme School also kept playing through the rain together with their Choir, some brilliant soloists and Music from the Shows. Also stepping into the breach to fill the afternoon programme we were especially grateful to Mike and Lucy from Rainbow Gecko with their excellent bubble show. Ed and Chris Hannaford and Kirk and Kathleen Lovely once again brought along their wonderful Lusitano Horses providing us with a superb demonstration of Classical riding and Outrageous Dressage. Having once again generously waived any charge for their superb contribution, a donation to Devon Air Ambulance has been made on their behalf. Sicro Magic entertained the children while music was provided by Men Behaving Tradly and sadly, for their very last performance, Ukulele Crazy and George Formby, aka Peter Palmer. This stalwart band of many shows was presented with some well-earned bottles of wine to celebrate their retirement and to thank them for their long standing support. We will miss them.

An eclectic mix of stall holders and food outlets was enjoyed with the addition of the larger craft tent proving very popular. Thanks to Andy and Ken for pulling this together and to Chris S for his part in managing the record entry from a wonderful array of Classic vehicles. On its new site alongside the relocated car park, Janett Rice's Dog Show also enjoyed another successful day. Grateful thanks go to her and her many contributors. Thanks must also go to District Governor Brian and his wife Maxine for bringing along the Rotary caravan from Saltash, via Salcome the previous day, and to Rotary friends Mike and Kath Hooper for their support on the Shelter Box stand. After several years of practice we have now got the erection and dismantling of the tent down to less than 2 hours! Heaven help those that have to put it up in a hurricane! President Bob has been busy writing to those many other unsung supporters of the show too numerous to mention here but without whose generous help the Show would not happen. Honorary member Geoffrey Persey and Rtn John Radford for the use of their fields, Tony Knockolds, Colin Butt and Kerry Roberts for their invaluable help in preparing the ground and gateways, must deserve a special mention. Cadets for all three services were on hand as usual to provide youthful help where required! Friends Rex and Leslie Darlow were with us on the gate once more while old friends Alex and Rotarian John from North Devon PA kept us all well informed throughout the day. Most of all "Yourselves"!! Together with wives and partners you turned out in force to help man the gates, the car park, the very successful burger stall (Special thanks to Ken and Lori), skittles and welly throwing on the day and in preparation the previous weekend. Tent man Chris K deserves a special mention together with David D, Arthur H and others who store our various pieces of equipment through the year and transport it to the show ground when required. Lastly can I thank those Rotarians who work tirelessly to put the show together over many months starting in December and finishing with that final effort at the beginning of May leading in 2016 to yet another successful day. If we are to continue to run this at present our only substantial fund raising event, which also provides the community with a great day out and Rotarians with an excellent medium for our own fun and fellowship, then we do need more of you to get involved. Without fresh input even though new challenges emerge every year like this year's change to the car park, the event will become stale and those Rotarians who have worked hard to create a very successful event over a number of years will lose interest, so please give thought to taking a greater role in keeping the show on the road.

Thanks again to one and all.
Charles Denman
Show Chairman 2016.



'It was a great show!
Please support it next year
when I'm President '



....and remember -
an Exepress Staff Photographer
will be there to record it
(whatever the weather)



EVRC Welcomes two new members - Nic Drake and Tony Steiner



Nic and Tony are introduced to Club members by their sponsors Bruce Pearson and Andrew Harris



After the Induction ceremony Nic and Tony are warmly welcomed into the Club by President Bob and members

(Many thanks to Tony for introducing himself to the club via this pen portrait)

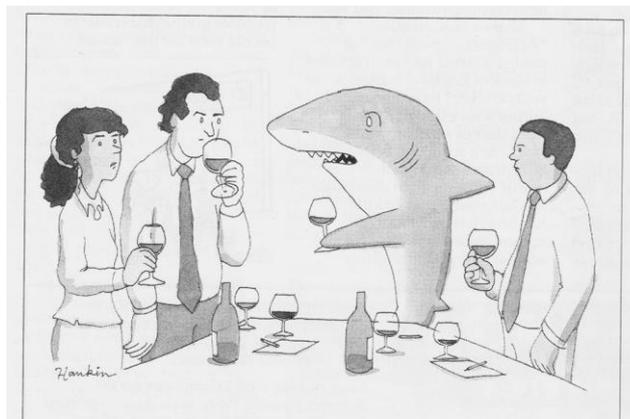
Pen Portrait



My family moved to Exeter when I was very young since when I have, more or less, lived and worked in the Devon area. After a decade in estate agency I studied law at Plymouth and then, in 1995, joined the staff at Devon & Somerset Law Society to help out for a few weeks. Unable to convince anyone else to employ me I remained, becoming their Executive Director. The Society supports its 1500 or so solicitor members across the two counties and over the years I have been instrumental in developing its profile and activities. I gained an MBA in 2013 and am a business mentor to people with start up businesses under the government's New Enterprise Allowance.

I am married to Sue and have one daughter, three stepchildren and several animals including two unruly dogs. We live at Kerswell nr. Cullompton. I enjoy a round of golf, writing nonsense for our Parish Newsletter and motoring. I have a vague recollection of attending Rotoract meetings in Plymouth back in the 1980s although I don't think I ever actually joined. Thank you for the very warm welcome.

Tony



'I'm sensing oak, citrus, and a single drop of blood a mile away'

Met Office Visit 18th May:

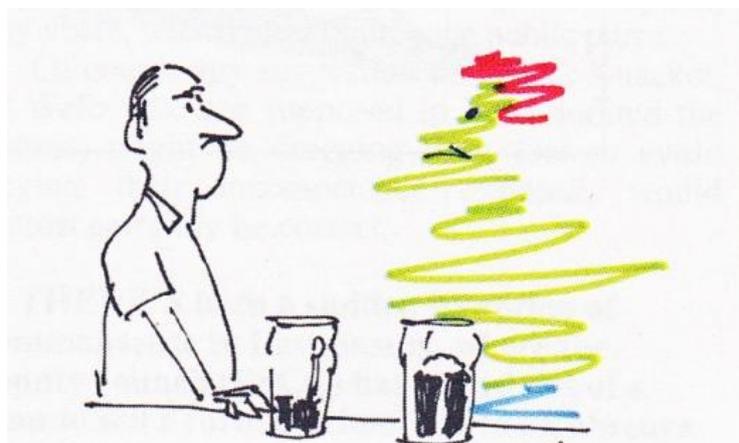
The Fun and Fellowship Committee organised a visit to the Met Office on the 18th May and, thanks to Rtn Ray Radford's influence, EVRC members and guests had a personal guided tour by CEO Rob Varley



Right across the world, every single day, people make decisions based on the weather. The Met Office provides weather and climate forecasts to help with those decisions so people can be safe, well and prosperous. Everything is based on world-leading science and enhanced by close working relationships with partner organisations around the globe. As well as being the people behind the weather forecasts the Met Office helps protect UK armed forces as they plan missions around the weather and is trusted to keep technology safe with their space weather forecasts. Around the world and around the clock they work hard to make accurate weather and climate advice available to all. As a foremost weather and climate service the Met plays a key role on the international stage by providing vital services, advancing global understanding through research and being an important participant in projects and organisations. The Met Office provides a range of information under the Public Weather Service (PWS) which is funded by the UK Government. This includes generating everything from day-to-day site specific forecasts to long range forecasts. It is also responsible for the National Severe Weather Warning Service which aims to give advance warning of extreme weather to the public, businesses, emergency services and Government. Created in 1854 to provide a service to mariners, and then aviators when the aeroplane was invented, the Met Office became an arm of the Ministry of Defence. But it has since transmuted into a powerful advocacy unit with 1500 staff a £170million a year budget and sees its main mission to convince the world that we are prey to 'dangerous climate change'. With each year the work of the Met Office seems to gather significance and urgency. 2015 ended with an historic agreement at the UN Climate Conference COP21 in Paris, limiting warming to below 2° C compared to pre-industrial times, or 1.5 ° C if possible to avoid widespread and dangerous impacts of climate change.



From warnings of floods, to helping communities plan for and reduce the impacts of climate change the work of the Met Office is helping shape a more sustainable world.



'I design logos for government departments and local authorities'

Car Treasure Hunt - Wed. 25th May

Eight cars took part in the Treasure Hunt which started from The Hartnoll car park on a beautiful early summer evening. The cars had to cross the main road into Bolham, up the hill passing Knightshayes main entrance and then turning left towards Chettiscombe where there was some confusion, as the road the day before had been signed as closed. There was more confusion at the junction to Chevithorne as a misspelling had turn 'right' had been spelt as 'left'.

Proceeding through Chevithorne the route passed Cobbacombe Cross with magnificent views of the countryside east of Tiverton, turning left to Van Post Cross and down the hill to Cove looking into the beautiful Exe Valley. At the A396 Bampton-Tiverton the teams headed towards Stoodleigh crossing the River Exe and passing the woods with blankets of bluebells to Hatherland Mill and finishing back at the pretty village of Stoodleigh.

Everyone then headed back to The Hartnoll by 8.30 p.m. to meet other Rotarians with their wives and friends to enjoy an excellent meal. After dining the results were verified, with the Coles and Featherstones handing in a sheet with a clear round just beating, by one point, the Reynolds and Phillips. Congratulations to all the crews who finished on time with most of the clues collected.

John Radford

(Editor's Note: sounds like a great event - please organise another one next year when I'm not on holiday!)



District News

Madison Glinski



Many of you may have seen and heard a young violinist on your televisions and some of you will recall a young girl playing her violin for us at the District Handover last July. Madison Glinski has become famous for busking on the streets of St Ives and for her dedication towards raising funds for Little Harbour Children's Hospice in St Austell, for which over the last few years Madison has raised in excess of £52,000. At the handover there was talk of Madison outgrowing her violin and now with the help of her parents Teresa & Stefan, music teacher Hannah Birt and Rtn John Ware (Rotary Club of Callington) I am pleased to say we have enabled this to become a reality. Whilst Madison was in Bournemouth to receive her Rotary Young Citizen award on BBC television at the RIBI Conference we were able to visit Poole Violins.

There, under the guidance of Mark O'Brien (string instrument maker and repairer), Madison tried eight violins, several bows and cases before choosing an 'old' European violin as her next instrument to enrich her practising for her forthcoming music exams and further busking. Her target now is £75,000!!! The cost of her instrument was shared by Madison's parents and Rotary. Rotary is delighted to have had the opportunity of helping in this quest and everyone wishes Madison well and hope we will hear much more from her in the years to come. Please watch the television programme on the link below to see what an example she is in upholding the Rotary ethic of helping others.

Phyllis Angliss

The Rotary Club of Kingsbridge is celebrating the success of their President, Phyllis Angliss, in being awarded the 2016 Citizen of the Year by Kingsbridge Town Council.

This reflects all her work in the local community, not only with Rotary but also with other organisations. It recognises her "outstanding contribution to the local community". Phyllis is the 13th recipient of the award.

Phyllis is in her second term as President, having also served in 2011-2012, and is amazed and honoured to receive the accolade, thinking it was potentially an April Fool's Day joke as that was the day on which the award was announced. After a career in London with the BBC and City University, she moved to Devon in 1984 and managed an ophthalmic practice in Kingsbridge.

For many years she was an unpaid Inland Revenue Tax Commissioner and became the first female member of Kingsbridge Rotary Club and their first female President. Her work with Rotary has seen her launch herself out of a plane to raise money for RYLA, alongside the Memory Café and Sensory Garden in the Recreation Ground, projects she supported after her mother suffered with Alzheimer's disease.

About 27 years ago she became involved with South Hams Talking Newspapers for the blind and partially sighted and for the past 25 years has been its secretary and co-ordinator. She praises the work of her fellow volunteers, who support some 160 blind or partially sighted people in Kingsbridge, Salcombe, Dartmouth and Ivybridge.

In addition, she also organises a weekly Talking Magazine completely on her own.

Phyllis has been involved with the Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society over the years and one of her more famous outings involves appearing in nothing but tights and a navy blue army jacket!

All of this together with Rotary takes a lot of time each week. This needs absolute dedication, total commitment and huge reserves of energy – all of which Phyllis has aplenty.

Many congratulations – you totally embody the Rotary spirit.

David Sharpe PHF

David Sharpe has been made a "Multiple Paul Harris Fellow" by the Rotary Club of Brixham in recognition of his fundraising efforts over 28 years. David is already a member of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship and this recognition is a further acknowledgement of his work for Rotary.

David received a special medal, which includes a small sapphire from President, John Burt at a Rotary meeting. A bouquet of flowers was also presented to David's wife, Marilyn who supports him in all the fundraising events.

Created in 1957, the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship award is named in honour of the Chicago lawyer who founded Rotary International in 1905. It is given to show appreciation for contribution to the goals of world peace and international understanding.

John Burt, President of the Rotary Club of Brixham said: "David Sharpe has given outstanding service to the Rotary ethos of "Service Above Self" over and beyond the call of duty. He has raised thousands of pounds for local charities. We also are grateful for the support of David's wife, Marilyn in fundraising. The award, the Paul Harris Fellowship, is one of the highest made by Rotary for outstanding personal service."

David Sharpe said: "I am honoured to receive this award. It is a great privilege and I am so pleased that my wife, Marilyn's practical assistance has also been recognised. We have both enjoyed being involved in Rotary and treasure the friends we have made.

ShelterBox in Ecuador

Ecuador's shelter and water crisis, 'The situation is much worse than we had anticipated.' ShelterBox team sees children begging in the streets with empty water bottles, and fields suffocated by 'black water'

There is a new urgency in the aid programme for the coastal communities of Ecuador following the massive earthquake on 16 April. Flooding had already poisoned crops around Portoviejo, and infrastructure damage has now left families without safe drinking water. ShelterBox responders Jon Berg and Kara Lapso have just returned to Ecuador's capital, Quito, from an eyeopening visit to the coastal quake zone. Here in Portoviejo, one of the oldest cities in Ecuador and its sixth largest, they found not only wrecked buildings and cracked roads, but children shaking empty bottles at passers-by, thirsty for clean water.

The municipality of Portoviejo experienced massive flooding eight days before the earthquake. Kara says, 'This inundation brought black water into the rural, farming communities, filling their fields with excess minerals and suffocating the crops. Not only will their livelihoods struggle, but they are now more vulnerable to life-threatening mosquitoes that carry Zika, Dengue and Malaria.'

For full details please visit the Shelter Box web site <http://www.shelterbox.org/news.php>

PDG Walks 100 Miles

PDG John James has just completed the entire Cotswold Way (104 miles) in support for 'End Polio Now'. The walk lasted eight days and John carried everything he needed on his back, staying at small B&Bs every night. Fellow Rotarian Alan Wilson accompanied John for the last six days, whilst his daughter Emma walked with him for the first two days.

"I think they came with me to ensure I didn't cheat!" John commented, "But I was glad of their company. The weather was odd. We started out from Chipping Campden in the middle of a blizzard, but most days it was warm and sunny. It was also surprising how steep many of the sections were, the walk certainly tested my fitness to the limit! I enjoyed it all, but I was really pleased when we got to the Abbey at Bath, which marks the end point of the Cotswold Way."

John managed to raise £700 for the End Polio Now campaign, which will be boosted to £2,100 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "The money raised will help to vaccinate hundreds of children. When polio is finally eliminated, our job will be done.

RIBI News

Rotary Conference Heads to Manchester!



We are delighted to announce that [registration is now open](#) for the [2017 Rotary Conference](#), which will be held in the metropolitan city of Manchester from Friday 7th – Sunday 9th April 2017! 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. The plenary sessions will take place at the state-of-the-art Manchester Central Convention Complex, a former railway station which provides a stunning setting for delegates to be educated, entertained and inspired. As always, there will be a lively programme of entertainment, which includes what is sure to be an awe-inspiring concert featuring Welsh superstar mezzo-soprano classical crossover singer Katherine Jenkins OBE who will be singing in Manchester for Rotary conference delegates.

Advanced tickets are available exclusively for **registered** Rotary conference delegates for a limited time only before they go on public sale. Book now to ensure you don't miss out on what promises to be a truly magnificent evening! There will be an inspiring talk from broadcaster, Paralympian and polio survivor Ade Adepitan, a chance to commemorate the centenary of The Rotary Foundation as well as celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Rotary Young Citizen Awards. More speakers will be added to the programme over the coming months. To get you in the mood, check out of Manchester Conference [teaser video](#)! Full details of prices, functions, accommodation and terms and conditions can be found on the Rotary [website](#). Places are limited, so be sure to [register](#) quickly to avoid disappointment, and take advantage of the early bird pricing. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please get in touch with the [Conference team](#).

Polio Ambassador

As part of the **Purple4Polio** campaign, we are looking for one or more celebrity Rotary Polio Ambassadors who will be the face, or faces, of the campaign. As many clubs have established relationships with local celebrities, we want to hear from you as to who you think could become one of our Rotary Polio Ambassadors.

This role will involve having their image on promotional materials, being present at the public launch of **Purple4Polio** and generally helping Rotary engage the public with this campaign. If you have a suggestion, please get in touch at the following address: james.bolton@rotarygbi.org.

Going Social

To tie in with both the **Purple4Polio** campaign and the centenary of The Rotary Foundation, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland President 2016/17 Eve Conway is taking a Rotary Polio Bear on all her travels. There is just one problem – it needs a name!

Follow the Rotary Polio Bear on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and comment on any of the accounts' posts with your name suggestion by **31st July** to be in with a chance of winning. The winning entry will be chosen at random and the winner will also win a Rotary Polio Bear of their own, courtesy of the [Rotary Club of Guernsey](#)



Youth Competitions

This year's Rotary Youth Competitions have once again been a roaring success, with thousands of young people across Great Britain and Ireland being given a platform to showcase and develop their talents in a variety of disciplines thanks to the hard work of Rotary members, schools and other organisations.

The winners of this year's competitions were as follows:

Young Chef

Emma Grant (pictured right), 17, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Cumbernauld](#) wowed the judges with her menu of breast of quail with butternut risotto, followed by hake with cannellini and chorizo bean stew, served with a bean puree and panna cotta with vanilla poached plums and granola crumble for dessert. As her prize, Emma will be jetting off to Tuscany for the culinary trip of a lifetime and receive a day's tuition in a Michelin Star restaurant.

Young Musician

The competition was split into two categories, seeking to find the country's best young instrumentalist and vocalist. This year's instrumentalist winner was violinist Xander Croft, 17, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of The City of St Asaph](#), while Isabel Irvine, 16, sponsored jointly by the Rotary clubs of [Loddon Vale](#) and [Reading Maiden Erlegh](#) was victorious in the vocalist category.

Youth Speaks

Public speaking can be daunting for many of us, but not those taking part in the Youth Speaks National Final! Reading Blue Coats School, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Henley-on-Thames](#) went home as champions of the intermediate category, while Red Maids' School, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Bristol](#), won the senior category. For a full list of winners from this event, check out our [news story](#). The results from this year's **Young Writer** and **Young Photographer** competition will be available in early June.

Youth Competitions

Another wonderful year of youth competitions has come to an end, and we are delighted to share the winners of the final two competitions. The theme for this year's Young Photographer and Young Writer competitions was 'Our World Is Beautiful', and whether capturing stunning landscapes or penning descriptive stories about the seasons, competitors were inspired by the world around them.

To find out the winners of the [Young Photographer](#) and [Young Writer](#) competitions, and see the winning entries for yourself, visit the website.

Opportunities to Serve

Since 2003, Rotary clubs have helped over 100 villages through their support of [Village Water](#), and now their new Village Information Monitoring system is enabling authorities in the area to measure the water, sanitation and health benefits of their activities more effectively. Recent data showed that there has been a 98% reduction in diarrhoea, 89% reduction in eye infections and an 81% reduction in malaria in areas of Zambia where Village Water has a presence, proving that the support and service given by Rotary clubs is having a lasting impact in international communities. You can find further information on Village Water by visiting their [website](#), or by contacting Rotarian [Richard Pither](#)

Selection Advisory Committee and RIBI President

Nominations are now invited for the positions of Selection Advisory Committee panel members and the position of Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland President 2019/20.

For full details, including access to nomination forms and job descriptions, please visit the Elections page of the members area by clicking [here](#) (sign in will be required).

Purple4Polio - how are you getting involved?

We are very close to fulfilling Rotary's promise when we started our campaign to rid the world of polio in 1985 and we all need to work together to be able to cross the finishing line. This stage is absolutely critical in the fight against polio and makes it ever more important that all Rotarians renew and strengthen their advocacy and fundraising efforts to eradicate this disease and fulfill our promise to the world

We've been so excited by the positive response from Rotary clubs across the length and breadth of Great Britain and Ireland who are getting involved with the new **Purple4Polio** campaign! As you know as part of this campaign, Rotary has forged an exciting partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), and together we aim to plant five million crocus corms to add a vibrant carpet of purple to communities. The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, with its colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child who has been immunised, and with polio eradication now closer than ever, this is great opportunity to raise awareness and funds to help finish the job.

Rotary clubs should have their green fingers at the ready, because earlier this month the RHS has communicated with its community-based Bloom Groups and other floral associations about the partnership and the opportunity for them to team up with their local Rotary club(s). We hope Rotary clubs and Bloom Groups will be joining forces over the coming weeks.

The **Purple4Polio** campaign and RHS planting partnership is a fantastic opportunity to build new and strengthen existing relationships with other community groups, as well as providing a chance to engage with the public and welcome potential new members. Further resources will be to assist clubs with the planting and flowering of crocus corms will be available in July, including sample press releases and a design for signage for when they are in bloom as well as details of two exciting competitions.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



The Rotary Foundation Centennial

When incoming District Governors gathered in San Diego for the International Assembly in January, they began preparing for The Rotary Foundation's year of centennial celebrations in 2016/17. The District Governors-Elect also got a sneak peak of *Doing Good in the World*, a new book giving a behind-the-scenes look at the Foundation's rich history, from founder Arch Klumph's initial proposal at the 1917 Rotary Convention up to the latest humanitarian grants. Governors received complimentary copies of the book, and author David C. Forward, governor of District 7500 (New Jersey, USA), addressed the gathering and signed copies. "I have circled the globe

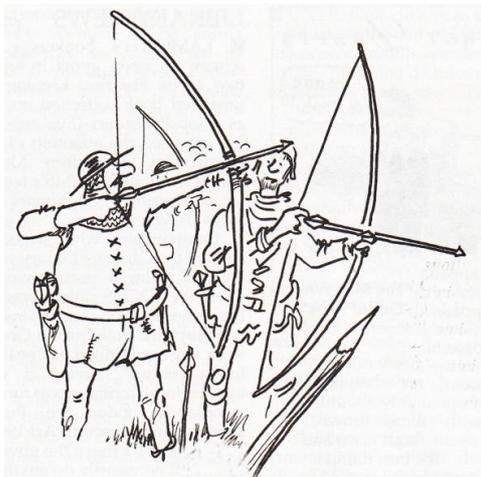
to research, write and speak about the story of Rotary in action, and I have never been as proud to be a Rotarian as I am today," Forward said. "This is something I can give to a town's mayor to help him or her understand the value of having a Rotary club in the community, or new members to help them become more engaged, motivated, generous Rotarians." Now is the time to start planning your club or district's centennial celebration. In addition to spreading the word about the book, now for sale on the [RIBI online shop](#), you have lots of ways to let your members know about the Foundation:

- Dedicate club meeting time to Foundation topics each week. Share how your local and international projects are improving lives through Rotary's areas of focus.
- Continue The Rotary Foundation's legacy of humanitarian service by participating in a global grant or district grant project and dedicating it to the centennial.
- Challenge members to increase their contributions to the Foundation. Encourage them to give through Rotary Direct and to join the Paul Harris Society by contributing \$1,000 or more annually.
- Start organising a centennial event in your community and use it to educate your local media about Rotary and its Foundation.

Download the centennial promotion tool kit, which includes resources for planning and promoting activities, at the Rotary centennial [website](#).

Agincourt Remembered

'Usually on St Crispin's Day we go to her mother's, so I'm not complaining!'



ADG Anthony Aggett presents Club Skittle Skipper and Sports Officer John Freeman with the Area League Cup.

President Bob took the opportunity to say how much John was very highly regarded within the district for the work he undertakes in organising the event



Meanwhile....elsewhere.....

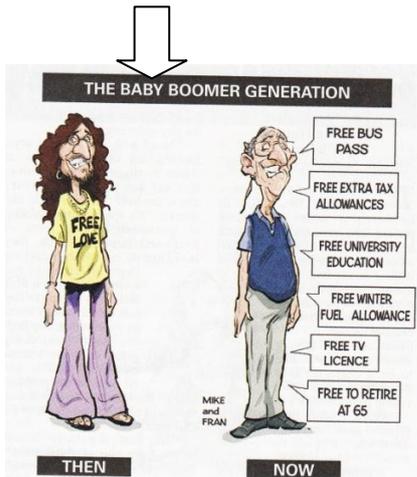
'For goodness sake, luv, there'll be another footie, cuppie, thingy soon - it's not the end of the world!



Muirfield Golf Club
New Members' Committee

Final Thoughts

On the one hand.....but on the other



'How can you be 'a bit of' a perfectionist?'