



# The Banbury Bulletin



SERVICE Above Self

The Rotary Club of Banbury  
District 1090 R.I.B.I. Club No. 415

President Ron Barnett

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## PROGRAMS

**PolioPlus.** Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands to ensure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong, despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. To date, 210 countries, territories, and areas around the world are polio-free, and 134 of these have been certified polio-free. As of June 2010, Rotary has committed more than \$900 million to global polio eradication. **2009-10 program awards were \$118.1 million.** (includes PolioPlus Partners grants)

**Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge** is The Rotary Foundation's response to a grant of \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

**Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants** fund large-scale, two- to four-year projects that enhance health, help alleviate hunger, or improve human development. Since 1978, 347 projects in 78 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$88 million. **In 2009-10, grants for seven new projects were approved. Program awards were \$1.4 million.**

**Matching Grants** provide matching funds for international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. Since 1965, more than 33,000 Matching Grant projects in 201 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$397 million. **In 2009-10, 2,215 new grants were approved for projects in 122 countries. Program awards were \$34.9 million.**

**District Simplified Grants** support the short-term service activities or humanitarian endeavors of districts in communities locally or internationally. Since the program's inception in 2003-04, more than 2,700 grants have been awarded to 514 districts in 80 countries at a cost of more than \$43 million. **In 2009-10, 406 grants were approved. Program awards were \$7.9 million.**

**Rotary Peace Fellowships.** Each year, up to 60 fellows are sponsored to study at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution for master's-level degree. Since the program's inception in 2003, more than 480 fellows from over 80 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$31 million. **In 2009-10, 52 peace fellows from 29 countries began studies the Rotary Peace Centers totaling \$3.5 million for the two-year program; additionally, 41 received professional development certificates for a total of \$0.4 million.**

**Ambassadorial Scholarships.** The Foundation sponsor of the largest international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Since 1947, more than 40,000 scholars from over 130 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$532 million. **In 2009-10, 710 scholars from 52 countries studied in 73 countries. Program awards were \$14.7 million.**

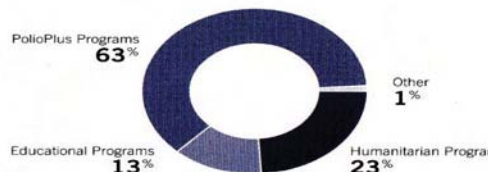
**Rotary Grants for University Teachers** are awarded to faculty members to teach in a developing nation for 3 to 10 months. Since 1985, over 520 university teachers have shared their expertise with a college or university in a developing country at a cost of \$5.5 million. **In 2009-10, 27 university teachers from 6 countries taught in 19 countries. Program awards were \$0.4 million.**

**Group Study Exchange (GSE).** These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions. Rotary hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, more than 69,000 individuals (14,674 teams) from 104 countries and geographical areas have participated at a cost of almost \$110 million. **In 2009-10, 568 teams traveled abroad. Program awards were \$4.5 million.**

2009-10 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (\$268.5 million)



2009-10 PROGRAM AWARDS (\$187.0 million)



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS OVER 20 YEARS

250



The Question is often asked "What Happens to Foundation Contributions?"  
The report above gives some idea of the scope of our own Rotary Charity.



## **FROM THE PRESIDENTS PAD**

### **Notes from the President's Diary     February 2011**

The New Year celebrations seem a long way behind us and the Club seems to keep going from strength to strength. March brings with it two highlights of the Rotary year: the Young Musician of the Year Finals; and District Conference. Then at the end of the month our AGM, time to be making plans for next Rotary year.

**4<sup>th</sup> February** Meeting - Yet another light hearted enjoyable meeting with an extremely detailed and interesting talk by Philip Walker about the Banbury CAB development proposals. Maurice Humphris hosted Philip.

**5<sup>th</sup> February** Lions Club of Banbury Charter Anniversary Dinner - Tricia and I have an extremely enjoyable evening as guests of the Lions Club of Banbury at Chacombe Golf Club. The food was good, the atmosphere very friendly and the company excellent. It was good to share ideas and experiences with members of another service organisation. Many thanks to President Brian Jones and his fellow Lions for an excellent evening.

**11<sup>th</sup> February** Meeting - An excellent meeting with an enthralling and interesting talk by Richard Jones on a subject close to the hearts of many of us - wine. And as an added bonus he even gave us all a sample of some excellent German wine. Many thanks Phil Cavill for hosting Richard.

**18<sup>th</sup> February** Meeting - A wonderful meeting with a fascinating talk by Deborah Hayter about Homestart, the great work they do and the financial difficulties that they face. Many thanks Rupert Kipping for hosting Deborah.

**20<sup>th</sup> February** Chamber Orchestra Concert - An almost full house enjoyed a wonderful concert with a brilliant performance by pianist Simon Callaghan of Schubert / Liszt: 'Wanderer' Fantasy D 760, and a marvelous orchestral performance of Beethoven Symphony no.3 'Eroica'. Congratulations to Owen Kyffin and the International Committee for organising such a great concert.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February**        Thanks for Life Display in Castle Quay - As part of Rotary's Thanks for Life and End Polio Now campaign it was good to spend an hour in Castle Quay with fellow Rotarians promoting and raising awareness of the great work done by Rotary. Many thanks to Alan Wolstencroft and John Bennett for organising this event.

**25<sup>th</sup> February** Meeting - A bumper bundle of a meeting. I had the pleasure of inducting two new members of the Club, Simon Bion and Eric Watson, welcome to Rotary. We had the sadness of bidding farewell to our caterer, Joanne and her team, who have looked after us for so many years. And an extremely interesting talk by Michelle Ewing and Alan Ensor from Hft (formerly Home Farm Trust). Many thanks to Alison Warren for hosting Michelle and Alan.  
President Ron

## NEW MEMBERS

On the Rotary Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. February President Ron Barnett had the pleasure of inducting two new members into our Club.

**Simon Bion**



**Eric Foster Watson**



Rotarian Alan Wolstencroft, Banbury .

### **Goodwill & Growth for Africa UK Trustee**

Registered Charity 1092028

**“making a real difference in Africa”**

My News - just like London buses – you wait ages for one & then 2 come along in quick succession!!

In the UK we have a board of Trustees (all volunteers), we employ a general manager and have hundreds of supporters across the country who offer support in many different ways. Some pay a monthly standing order, others donate as and when they can, some undertake fund raising on a regular basis and some do “one off” events to support the work we are undertaking – but they are all equally important to the work we are doing for the projects we are supporting in south Africa.

**BURNS NIGHT IN BRECHIN – a great weekend!!** Irene & Cheryl are great supporters and have organised this event for a number of years – the Trustees and our general manager decided to join them in recognition of all their hard work and to celebrate the completion of a project in Kwa Zulu Natal funded entirely by the Brechin community. A traditional Burns Night and as a result £800 was raised to support ongoing projects – THANK YOU. This was home to a Grandma & 3 grandchildren – in UK estate agent terms scope for development!! The house eventually fell down BUT Irene & the Brechin community funded a

replacement home - £3,500 to “make a real difference” for the family. **1000 Hills Community Helpers** – a very well established organisation serving a vast rural community. They have a nursery/crèche, a pre-school, a free clinic 5 days a week, IT, literacy & numeracy courses, they feed up to 1,400 people daily, supplemented by their community garden, emergency ambulance that serves the community **& a new minibus sponsored by GAGA.**

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### Speaker Report

#### **28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Rod Prowse : Who will be supplying your fuel in 5 year's time ?**

Rod has spent all his working life in the oil industry with Conoco, latterly in Warwick, but having worked in London, Hamburg and America. He retired 7 years ago and now is a consultant to several oil companies. His talk was aimed at showing how the extraction of oil and the companies involved has changed quite rapidly in recent years.

Back in 1973, there were the “Seven Sisters”, 7 companies who explored, extracted, refined and supplied the oil based products to the world. These were: Exxon/Esso, Shell, BP, Mobil, Chevron, Texaco and Gulf. The oil process was a vertically integrated business from raw material to distribution and sale of a range of refined products. Few industries control the whole manufacturing process from raw material extraction to finished product, but the oil industry was one of those. There were two profit centres. The upstream part was the exploration, production and shipment of crude oil. The downstream operation was the receipt of the crude oil, plus the refining, distribution and marketing of refined products. This is now changing, largely due to the huge cost needed to find new crude oil supplies. Many companies are getting out of the downstream side. The upstream side is far more profitable.

Far from being only 7 companies, there are now 20 National Oil Companies who control the downstream operations. Many are state owned companies. 3 are Chinese, 2 Indian, 4 Russian,

1 Spanish and 7 from the OPEC cartel. These 7 control 40% of the output of the crude oil.

The withdrawal of companies from the downstream side in the UK is evidenced by the number of refineries in the UK. The last new refinery in the UK was built in 1973. In 1980, there were 18 UK refineries. There are now only 8 and 4 of those are up for sale. Of the 8 UK refineries, BP has none – it had 4 in the 1980's. The refineries are at Grangemouth, 2 on the Humber, Grays in Essex, Southampton, 2 at Milford Haven, Whitegate in Southern Ireland and Stanlow near Liverpool. The Grangemouth one is 50% Chinese owned, and India has a large stake in the Grays one. The ownership of the 4 up for sale remains to be decided, but it is clear, they will not be British owned. Russia and India may be big players in the future.

The major companies are now BP, Esso, Shell and Total. Slightly smaller are Texaco and Conoco Phillips who sell fuel under the Jet label in UK and Europe. The smaller players are Petroplus and Murco. It is expected that the larger companies will survive, but there may be other emerging companies from other countries coming in the future to supply fuel to our petrol stations with unfamiliar names to us. A very interesting and thought provoking insight into where our future petrol/diesel fuel supplies will come from in the future.

Malcolm Nutt.

#### **4<sup>th</sup>. February CAB Development - Philip Walker, Chairman of the Trustees, Banbury CAB**

In the last financial year the Banbury Citizen's Advice Bureau benefited from the services of 84 volunteers who contributed some 25,000 hours to the community, worth over £376,000 compared with the real cost for paid services. Over 4,700 clients were seen, with more than 15,000 issues. However more than 25% of the people arriving at the CAB for help had to be turned away initially, and this is a long term problem. ( Banbury CAB Report 2010 -2011.)

Facilities are limited and there are only four interview rooms for general advice. Space for volunteers and staff to carry out general duties and writing up of cases is very cramped.

The CAB plan to take over the premises next door and create an improved advice centre. This will provide more interview rooms and additional space for telephone call handling as well as more room for training and

general work. The estimated cost of the conversion is £100,000 and in October last year the CAB launched an appeal to raise this sum. The independent Chairman of the appeal committee is Sir Frank Davies. Banbury CAB has reserves of £267,000 as stated in the Annual Report and Accounts. This reflects the trustee's policy as follows:

£27,000 designated staff fund to cover redundancy costs should CAB ever be forced to wind up.  
£160,000 representing six months running costs which is in line with Citizens Advice recommendations.  
£80,000 emergency fund in view of the present economic climate. Many CABs are already facing reduced funding.

Although there is no imminent risk to the CAB from its membership of the local government pension fund, it has been pointed out that this is seriously underfunded and that future government policy could change, increasing the liability.

Philip concluded by saying that he believes that the trustees are acting prudently and exercising due diligence in the operation of their reserves policy to ensure, as far as is possible, the continuation of the work of the CAB and that it would have been unwise to dilute these reserves to fund the extension, especially at this time. Demand for CAB services can only increase in view of economic circumstances and continued government exhortation to people in most correspondence relating to benefit problems that they should regard the CAB as their first call for advice.

Maurice Humphris

### **Report of a talk on Friday 18.2.2011**

Home Start by Hon. Lady Deborah Hayter

Deborah gave a very stimulating, clear and concise description of the work done by the Charity which is National but with a very strong local group. As it is essential for a child to have a good start in life in order to achieve full potential later, they support families where there are difficulties such as loneliness and isolation, post-natal illness,

domestic violence, poverty, inadequate housing, disability, multiple births and family breakdown. The care is given by trained volunteers and there are only a minimum of full time staff.

It is voluntary on both sides. Keeping a child in care costs £3600 each year whereas Home Start costs £1250 each year for the whole family. Prevention is better than cure and waiting until the teenage years is too late. The local Group needs £25,000 to continue its service as previous funding was discretionary and may not continue.

Rupert Kipping

## **Two invitations from The Inner Wheel Club of Banbury**

***A Great English Night Out***

***A Musical Tour of England***

***with Fish & Chip Supper led by Barbershop Quartet "Close Shave"***

***Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm £12.50***

***King's Sutton Memorial Hall***

**All Proceeds in aid of the President's chosen charities:**

***Banbury Home-Start & The Sick Children's Trust***

### **A DAY TRIP**

**TO:** The Band of the Prince of Wales Division Lucknow Barracks Tidworth, Wilts

**DATE:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011

**COST:** £15.00 per person, including Coach and Light Buffet Lunch served by the Army. (£10.00 deposit – non refundable unless we can fill the seat on cancellation).

**TIMES:** Depart Banbury Cricket Club at approx. 8.30 a.m. Arrive Tidworth approx. 10.30 a.m.

Depart Tidworth approx. 2.00/2.30 p.m. Arrive Banbury approx.. 4.00/4.30 p.m.

**COACH/CAR PARKING:** Banbury Cricket Club to park cars and meet the Coach.

The programme for the day would involve arriving at Tidworth and hearing the Band in the Drill Square whilst we stretch our legs. We could then meet the Band Members whilst being served Coffee and biscuits. We would then watch and listen to the Band practicing their various music renditions. Should we have any musicians who would like to play with the band they are very welcome to bring their instruments and join in. (Wind and Brass of course).

Lunch will be served at approximately 1.00 to 1.15 p.m. concluding approximately 2.00 to 2.30 p.m. The whole day is reserved for Inner Wheel/Rotary members on our coach and will be very casual with little formality.

We only have a maximum of 50 people who can attend this event so it will be on a ‘first come – deposit paid basis’. Should there be any unfilled seats we will open it up to ‘non members’, family and friends – again ‘first come- deposit paid basis’.

The contacts to reserve your seats for this visit is either **Sue Yeadon – 01295 720791** or **Joan Nurden 01295 257800**.

### **Classification & Membership.**

**Race Night. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at the Masonic Hall. This event is being organised as a good social evening with a particular idea of inviting guests who may be interested in Rotary. It is an opportunity to increase awareness of Rotary and to attract new members. “Invite Your Friends and Business associates.”**

### **International Committee.**

Future events to include Race Night. Contact Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>. to 5<sup>th</sup>. June in France.

The Birmingham Chamber Orchestra event has taken place with a good attendance .

### **Sports and Entertainment.**

The Darts evening took place at the Banbury Cricket Club with a select number of Rotarians taking part. There was fierce competition to win the prize of a bottle of wine. The organiser John Phillips was so confident that he would win that he left the prize at home to save the trouble of carrying it back again. And so it turned out John Phillips first with Nigel Randle a close second. An excellent social evening. There is a good turnout for District Conference with 36 attending from our club.

Club outing to Bristol on 12<sup>th</sup>. April.

Other events being organised are a Quiz Night, Indoor Bowls or Skittles.

### **Community and Vocational.**

IT's a Knockout 2011. It has been agreed that we will organise and promote this event. The Banbury Show Committee have promised £1,000.00 towards costs. It is hoped to attract 24 teams to take part.

### **Youth Opportunities.**

Young Musician the heats have taken place, preparations now in place for the Final.

Mock Interviews to take place on 8<sup>th</sup>. and 10<sup>th</sup>. March. The local Young Chef finalist, Zoe Cunningham to go to final at High Wycombe. Young Musician Gala Concert is to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. June. There are 9 performers to date.

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