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SERVICE Above Self

President Roger Worrall

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Fifty years of Rotary Service.



Rotarian Ken Gibbard

Ken gave us a wonderful “pen sketch” of how Rotary in Banbury had changed over the last half century. If only we could all articulate as well at his age! Randolph Webb (editor of the now defunct Banbury Advertiser) inducted Ken in the 1959/1960 year and during his Presidential year (1974/1975) we had our first meeting in the Freemasons Hall. During those early days we held a Donkey Derby in fields which are now part of Queensway and we charged 7/6 for the dance tickets when we entertained the Europeans.

In 1966/67 (Jo Crowder’s year) we increased the number of beds in the Horton Hospital from 12 to 36. Walter Smith was also involved with this and his son John was instrumental in providing the Old Peoples Clubroom in Castle Street. A schools debating society ran for several years and extended into neighbouring counties.

Ken was always keen on statistics, especially those of attendance. He would have made a good Sergeant at Arms! And in fact acted as assistant at 5 or 6 District/R.I.B.I. Conferences. Over his fifty years he worked out that our club had lost 245 members but had gained 245. Attendance hovered at 70% in those days and this figure has been maintained for most of Ken’s service, it seems to be our natural size.

Both the Compton (Probus) club and Abbeyfield were launched during Ken’s time and we had Betty Walton as our caterer. Ken stressed that our club and all the others in District 109 (as it was then) had complete freedom to develop as they saw fit. They were and are autonomous to a large extent and District is simply there to Co-ordinate and advise. Ken has been chairman of every major and some minor club committees, his favourite being fellowship and house / attendance. He made special mention of Pat & Les Herrington, stalwarts of this and the Inner Wheel clubs. Also Dr. Harry Judge a member around Ken’s earlier days. Throughout all his activity Ken ran a 500 acre farm. Sheila (His wife) refreshed many farm walks, he was a magistrate for 25 years, on the Trustee Savings Bank board, on the labour exchange, Chair of Banbury National Farmers Union, of the Banbury Agricultural Association, on the hospital board, tennis and badminton clubs. He was on the Agricultural Land Tribunal and not to forget the Hunt Supporters Club.

John Cooke.

Paul Harris Fellow.

Following Ken’s talk on his fifty years in Rotary he was presented, much to his surprise and delight with a Paul Harris Fellowship. President Roger Worrall had the honour of bestowing this on Ken. For the only occasion I can remember Ken was speechless for at least a minute. He then thanked the club for honouring him, *after all these years.*





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www.1090rotaryconference2011.org.uk

Three speakers appeared on April 23rd. to give us information about the District Conference 2011 to be held at the I.C.C. Birmingham. District Governor elect Laurie Cunningham introduced Mark Clayson and Tony Carney who gave us a Power Point presentation outlining the plans for next years Conference. The conference is to be quite different, the venue Birmingham, instead of the usual seaside resorts. An all in one package to include the hotel and the conference registration and events. This is to be £245 per person for couples and £270.00 for singles. There are two hotels booked on the same basis both near to the conference centre. They are the Crown Plaza a 4 star deluxe hotel and Jurys located on Broad Street. All of this is centred on the various attractive shopping and visitor centres such as Cadbury World and the canalised attractions including a selection of bars and restaurants. The dates are 18th to 20th. March 2011. As this venue is

very convenient Banbury Rotarians are encouraged to attend (no excuses as to distance) especially those who have not attended a rotary conference before they should find it an enlightening experience showing the wider view of Rotary. This event is being organised by our daughter club Banbury Cherwell therefore it is hoped for a good support from our club.

The conference organiser is Rotarian John Rathbone who unfortunately was not at the presentation as he was caught up in America because of the Volcanic dust.

More details on the Web site www.1090rotaryconference2011.org.uk

A vote of thanks was given by David Hitchcox.

A REMINDER FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

Support this our biggest event of the year.

Dragon Boat Racing – Carnival Event Broughton Castle Sunday 30th May 2010

The main event will be the opportunity to take part in all the colour, splendour and pageantry of Dragon Boat Racing.

This is an activity dating back over 2,000 years which ostensibly originates from China. Races were a form of rain dance as a prayer to the Dragon, the symbol of water, to send rain to allow crops to grow. It is anticipated that the event will be bigger than the one held in April 2008 as we are aiming for 36 teams instead of 21.



Dragon boats will be provided together with an experienced helmsman and a manned safety boat. So, all that is needed are teams of 11 comprising 10 paddlers and one drummer. Prices have been kept at the 2008 level so in order to take part; each team member needs to raise at least £30 in sponsorship (£330 per boat). However, the price will be reduced to £300 per boat if you enter and payment is received prior to 31st January 2010.

This is a fun team building event for staff, clients and suppliers. There will be plenty to keep you, your families, friends and colleagues occupied and entertained when you are not racing and the more who attend, whether they are participants in the racing or not, the better.

Broughton Castle is a brilliant venue with the racing to be along one straight of the moat and the entire course visible to spectators set against the panoramic background of the Castle and its grounds. If you have not visited previously, then there will be the added bonus of seeing a Castle with much interesting history including an important role in the Civil War and a building which has been used in recent years in a number of successful films.

This year, the proceeds will be distributed by the Rotary Club of Banbury to a range of different charities. So not only will you have a great day, but you will be positively contributing to some very worthwhile causes.

To enter your team please contact Andrew Fairbairn on Mobile No. 07711 142887 Business No. 01295 753501 or by email at Andrew@whitecommercial.co.uk

NEW MEMBER.

On the 16th. April our President Roger Worrall inducted a new member into our club. Pat Thomas was introduced by Rotarian Helen Braisby.



Pat Thomas

Classification “Educational social work.”

Special Birthday Congratulations.

Rotarian Jack Friswell will reach another milestone on the 8th. May when he celebrates his 90TH. Birthday. He is a Past President and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Past President **Rotarian Tony Brace** celebrated his 80th birthday on the 26th April.

HOW IS NORMA?

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph 's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, "Norma Findlay, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said,

"I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302.

No one tells me anything around here."

The Foundation Committee have asked that the club be informed as to the roll of Foundation.

The District Foundation Committee has produced a simplified guide. This covers about four pages the first of which is produced here. Members might wish to save this page and add it to the future pages which will appear in the Bulletin.

What is Foundation?

A Simple Guide to understanding how The Rotary Foundation functions.

What is The Rotary Foundation?

It is Rotary's own CHARITY and relies solely on Rotarians financial sponsorship be it through individuals or clubs. No one else is raising money for it.

It is one of the largest private charities in the world. *Gates Foundation, Warren Basset Foundation are probably larger. Even more remarkably, it is the only major world charity which actually gives back half of what is given! But more of that is explained later.*

It is run as a Trust separate from Rotary International but Trustees are appointed by Rotary International from which it also receives administrative backup.

The Assets of the Foundation have been reduced significantly by the recent recession and the Trustees are Meeting in April to further review the position.

The Annual Accounts are published and can be found in the Rotary International Website <www.rotary.org>

It has been described as OUR bank in that it receives our donations which are accumulated by District. 50% of the total money is allocated back to the District as a D.D.F. (District Designated Fund), the spending of how this money is used is directly decided by the District within certain guidelines.

The remaining 50% is retained in The World Fund of The Foundation to support major programmes but Districts can access some of the money as "Matching Grants", GSE Programmes and others – see later pages of this Booklet.

Your District Contact on these issues is David Caswell Tel: 01491 838294

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Funding of The Rotary Foundation.

Annual Programmes Fund. This is where the money donated by Clubs (encouraged to average \$100/club member) or individuals is placed.

Donations can be the result of fundraising events by Clubs, etc.

Also Personal giving using the Sustaining Members Scheme or other suitable methods. Both aimed at a commitment of \$100 per Rotarian per year every year, every year. Donations can attract Gift Aid if the donator is a taxpayer.

50% of money donated is returned to the District from which it is submitted as a District Designated Fund (D.D.F).

50% is retained by The Rotary Foundation in the World Fund to support the Peace and Conflict programmes, Group Study Exchange and clubs/districts humanitarian projects through the matching grant and 3H (Health Hunger and Humanity) system approved by the Trustees.

Permanent Fund.

This is an endowment fund. It receives donations from Benefactors (usually Rotarians) who wish to donate by gift or through their Will to a fund that is then invested in order to support the different programmes of the Rotary Foundation. Only the investment income earned may be transferred to the Annual Programmes fund for its current work.

Your District Contact on donations to the Annual Programmes Fund, Permanent Fund and other donations to the Foundation is Robin Weathersbee Tel: 01753643459 e-mail: parkfield@waitrose.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Foundation.

A total of £4000.00 has been sent to District as our contribution to Foundation.
The next event is to be held is the Jamboree at Jakeman's Junction on the 12th June.

Community and Vocational.

The Stroke Awareness day was organised by Rotarian Helen Braisby and was carried out on the 17th. April.
A group of Banbury Rotarians decorated a room at the Sunrise Multicultural Play Group. A group of about 60 children are to be guests at the Banbury United football ground for the final game of the season. A donation of £100.00 to the Football Club has been approved.

International.

The organisation for The Birmingham Chamber Orchestra was well in hand. The concert is to take place at Bloxham School on 29th. May. Members are encouraged to attend and sell tickets, Helen Morris has tickets and will be distributing them.

We have received a letter from Villefranche Rotary Club asking if we could find employment and accomodation for six students for six weeks in July/ August.

Youth Opportunities.

The Mock Interviews at B.G.N. School have been completed and a winner has been found from the last six and is to be awarded with a book on Archaeology. The interviews at the Warriner School will be carried out in July.

Sports and Entertainment.

The Spring Golf tournament will take place on Wednesday 19th. May organised by Malcolm Nutt.
Note. Change of day for future meetings:- now to be the first Wednesday of each month at Banbury House 7.30 pm.

ATTENDANCE.

February. Honorary Members 4 Members 74 Average Attendance 53 - 71%.

Members other activities **300**

Visiting Rotarians 0

Rotarians visiting other clubs:- 1

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