

EXEpress

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The Newsletter of Exe Valley Rotary Club



President Bob's Notes

Hi all, this is the second edition of Exepress for 2016 and may be my last as I handover in 9 weeks, not that I'm counting! As with the rest of the Rotary year, the last two months have flown by. We have had interesting talks about Rotaract, a prospective Police Crime and Commissioner, a visit by the head boy and girl of Tiverton High School together with outside visits to Ganges and Taunton Races. One of our major events of the year, the Templeton Trail, has also taken place. It was a great success with a lot of positive feedback. A huge thank you to Charlotte and her helpers for the organising and the huge amount of work that took place both on and prior to the day and to Bruce and William for the use of their land and vehicles albeit my neck is still sore from Charlotte's efforts at driving one of them! To quote our Secretary, who was sat on his quad bike as runners passed us, "This to me is what Rotary is really about"I'll ignore the fact that just as he said it a rather scantily clad fit young blond ran by us!

There is still much to look forward to for the remainder of the Rotary year. At the time of going to print, our main event, the Uffculme Show is about to take place. A huge amount of work, ably led by Charles, has already gone into it and there is much more to do. Thanks to those that have and will help to make it a great success.

On 11th May it is intended to induct Antony STEINER. Welcome aboard Antony, we wish you well. You certainly shouldn't be bored. There is a lot to look forward to, with a visit to the Met Office, a treasure hunt and a visit to 20/20 at Somerset, amongst other matters planned.

Finally, under John's captaincy we have won the skittles league again! Thank you to all that played this season. Next year will see a new captain, Martin Stevens and if he plays like he did on Wednesday, let's hope he prefers the non-playing captaincy role!.....That's me dropped then!

I hope you are enjoying Rotary and if not please let me or the incoming President know.

Club Notice Board

Bi-Monthly Brief Briefing Notes

Business Meeting 2nd March

Reports

President John Freeman standing in for Bob Rice

Secretary David Disney

- 1) Website, update in progress. Chris Shears and Andy Harris have completed some immediate updates. Chris Shears has agreed to continue work on the site. Need to harmonise with the Rotary District. May need to contact Nova Fisher of District.
- 2) Plaques for benches at Tiverton Scouts HQ, Halberton have been produced on stainless steel. Need to check if there are 4 benches.
- 3) The notice board at Tiverton Parkway has been reworked and is back in position. Both items of sign writing to cost approx. £40 + Vat.
- 4) EVRC shirts acquisition update. C King says it in hand.
- 5) CHAT collection at M&S. F Reynolds has it in hand.

Treasurer Ken Mills

£800 received from Rotary Holidays for Children Trust and thus 4 x £400 sent to the four schools. Nice letters of acknowledgement received from Castle, Tidcombe and Two Moors. Awaiting from Willand. £200 sent to Rotary Devon Youth Games (now a Rotary event) £100 sent to West Country Rivers Trust (Bruce Pearson Draw).

International & Foundation Pete Mitchell

End Polio Now. No new cases reported this year. This gives great room for optimism.

ShelterBox National Appeal for support to Syria. Small packs required. Suggested the Committee run the ShelterBox at Uffculme Show.

Fun & Fellowship Ray and John Radford

18th May. Met Office. 20 people maximum.

June 15th 20/20 Cricket at Taunton. To be arranged.

Youth Committee Charlotte Waelde had apologised. Sec. read a full report.

- 1) Youth speaks. The THS team did not win at Devon College - but had a fabulous time. Mandy Slevin sends her thanks to the Club. They look forward to working with the Club again.
- 2) Mandy has asked if there will be Club volunteers for the Two Rivers Festival.
- 3) Templeton Trail. Date and time is set. Meeting with Kerry Roberts to walk courses on 22 March. Waiting to hear from Debbie. Need all and any help from the Club. Richard T has done some car stickers. Les has offered to advertise it on his social media. Will circulate the flyer so that Rotarians will advertise in their networks. The St John Ambulance is sorted.
- 4) Rotaract. Have thanked Alan Jukes for coming. His talk reinforced many of the points that had emerged during the course of research. Alex has been in touch and asked for more information - which has been sent. I explained to her (and to John Smith) that I now work with Coventry University and may not be best placed to help in Exeter University. John indicated that he would try and find someone in one of the Exeter Clubs. I will organise a youth meeting and discuss how people might want to proceed with a Rotaract club in the Tiverton area.
- 5) TAG rugby. Sadly this will not take place this year as the PSCO will no longer be in post.

Membership/Club Service Bruce Pearson

A E Defibrillator in hand. Bob Rice will discuss with Claire Carter of the Hartnoll.

Two potential members being worked with.

Any other reports

Risk Assessment, as produced by Andy Harris, and agreed by the Show committee, was given Council approval on 1st March 2016.

Awaiting better weather to construct the access into the show field from the new car park field. Some additional signage may be required to deal with anticipated traffic on Uffculme Straight? Fred R on the case with DCC Highways and the Police.

Final position and location of the Dog Show to be determined.

Good progress with stall applications particularly for the new enlarged craft tent.

Ken M hoping to increase animal presence with Alpacas, Ponies and Hedgehogs!

All main attractions now booked. Lusitano Horses, Taiko Drummers, Kalash Dancers, Up to Four Music Groups from Uffculme School, Ukulele Crazy, Sicro Magic, Men Behaving Tradly and Devon Birds of Prey.

Radio Exe have been approached re Show Opener. Radio Devon unavailable.

St John Ambulance and North Devon PA booked.

Attendance rota in circulation. Maximum presence from Club members required on **Monday May 2nd** plus as many as possible on the previous Saturday and Sunday mornings, please.

The website is being worked on by Chris Shears and Andy Harris.

Draw The monthly £100 charity draw was won by Eric Cole.

Business Meeting 6th April

Reports

President Bob Rice Phil Sanderson bereavement. For the Club to remember. Proposed £250 to Cancer Research UK from the Charity Account. This was agreed. Thanks to F & F for the Ganges

Secretary David Disney The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir have enquired if we would like a Saturday evening concert for charity fund raising. Forward to Bob Rice to action. Antony Steiner has been recommended for membership by the Membership Committee. 7 day letter to be circulated.

Treasurer Ken Mills £10 sent to Tropic of Cancer (c/o Tiverton RC) to sponsor a stamp for their letterbox trail on Dartmoor, as last year. £100 sent to Senior Citizen Liaison - acknowledged; £200 sent to Mid Devon Messenger - acknowledged; Willand School acknowledged the receipt of £400 from Rotary Holiday for Children's Trust; the Send-a-Cow cheque for £500 was finally cashed. Acknowledgements awaited from Devon Youth Games and West Country Rivers Trust.

Community & Vocational Richard Vickery Marie Curie Daffodil collection £575 raised. Gave thanks to everyone that helped. Suggested that members should become official invigilators for the College. Closing date 13th April.

Fun & Fellowship Ray and John Radford 18th May. Met office visit. May 25th Car Treasure Hunt returning to the Hartnoll for meal at 8.30pm. June 15th Cricket 20/20 at Taunton. June 22nd President's night.

Youth Committee Charlotte Waelde Rotary Holidays for Schools Trust. £200 for 4 schools. Looking to hold a Youth Committee meeting soon.

Membership/Club Service Bruce Pearson Anthony Steiner has been recommended for membership.

Any other reports Uffculme Show report from Charles. Gates between fields installed. 36 stalls booked, 17 in the craft tent. Pub debrief at Waterloo Cross at 7.00

Any other Business Skittles. EVR has won the league

Assistant District Governor Anthony Aggett shared some thoughts of District and RI. Evolution, keep the values of Rotary whilst relaxing the method of delivery. A fresh way of working.

Date & Venue of the next Business Meeting Weds 11th May at the Hartnoll Hotel at 9.00 p.m.

Draw including the monthly £100 which was won by William Withers. St Petroc, homeless in Exeter.

(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)

PROGRAMME for March, April, May and June 2016

Monday 2nd	May	2016	Uffculme Show
Wednesday 4th	May	2016	Uffculme Show debriefing
Wednesday 11th	May	2016	6.30pm Council Meeting. Club AGM & Business Meeting.
Wednesday 18th	May	2016	Visit to Meteorological Office, Exeter. Limited numbers! F&F arranging
Wednesday 25th	May	2016	6.30pm - Car Treasure Hunt. 8.30pm – Dinner at the Hartnoll Hotel. PARTNERS' EVENING. F&F arranging
Wednesday 1st	June	2016	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting
Wednesday 8th	June	2016	Club Assembly
Wednesday 15th	June	2016	T20 Cricket at Taunton. F&F arranging
Wednesday 22nd	June	2016	President's Night at Chris Downes Yard, Cullompton? PARTNERS' EVENING F&F Arranging
Wednesday 29th	June	2016	Handover Evening. PARTNERS' EVENING.
Wednesday 6th	July	2016	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting.

Members' Duty Roster

May	2	Bank Holiday Monday. Uffculme Show	Grace/invocation	Meal Steward	Vote of Thanks/Objects
	4	7.30/8.00 Council & Business	Mitchell Peter	Cole Eric	Pugsley Richard
	11	7.30/8.00 Council & Business	Pearson Bruce	Crocker Lester	Radford John
	18	7.30/8.00 Meteorological Office, Exeter	Phillips John	Davies Trefor	Radford Ray
	25	7.30/8.00 Car Treasure hunt.	Pugsley Richard	Denman Charles	Reynolds Fred
June	1	7.30/8.00 Council & Business	Radford John	Derrett Ron	Shears Chris
	8	7.30/8.00 Club Assembly.	Radford Ray	Fetherston Roger	Steele Chris
	15	7.30/8.00 Cricket, Taunton. F&F.	Reynolds Fred	Freeman John	Stevens Martin
	22	7.30/8.00 Committee meetings, handover to new	Shears Chris	Fuller Robert	Harris Andrew
	29	7.30/8.00 Handover Evening?	Steele Chris	Haig Gavin	Heywood Arthur
July	6	7.30/8.00 Council & Business	Stevens Martin	Harris Andrew	Hutton Graham
	13		Taylor Richard	Heywood Arthur	King Chris
	20	Canal Barge trip, fish and chips			

Club News

Bodmin Rotary Club visit 2nd March

Welcome visitors to the Club's regular meeting on 2nd March Rotarians Bob Old, Peter Melmoth, Colin Marshall and George Goodman who had scattered from Bodmin Rotary Club.



Marie Curie Street Collection on 5th March and at Marks and Spencer on 19th March



Rtn Taylor looks on disapprovingly as Rtn Viney lets yet another Tivertonian slip behind him without making a donation



Wandering lonely as a cold Rotarian I spied a host of golden daffodils and Rtn Vickery showing the whole range of street collecting emotions:

-back at Marie Curie HQ:



EVRC Daffodil Appeal 2016: Report by Richard Vickary

On March 5th and 19th, dressed in our best daffodilly coronets, and yellow invisibility jackets the stalwart, heavily disguised, members of Exe Valley Rotary Club sallied forth to support Marie Curie's 'Get behind the Daffodil' appeal in and around Tiverton; causing I might add, much hilarity among the younger generation, but also the opportunity for some quick ripostes, a modicum of dashing repartee, and no there aren't any blue ones. Seriously though, it was reassuring to listen to some of the sad stories, but always praising the support Marie Curie had given them, in particular memories of Tidcombe Hall. The folk of Tiverton did blooming well and through their generosity the appeal benefitted by £575, collected over the two days.

Templeton Trail: 17th April

First the preliminaries:



Put up signs warning runners to be cautious

Ascertain who is running and who is not >



Non-Runner

Runner



Event Doctor Haig carries out the dope test



'Grade A!!'



'Great - you phone Sharapova and I'll phone the Russian Athletics Federation'

Wish the runners good luck and an enjoyable day



. . . and secretly think - 'I'm glad I'm not running!'



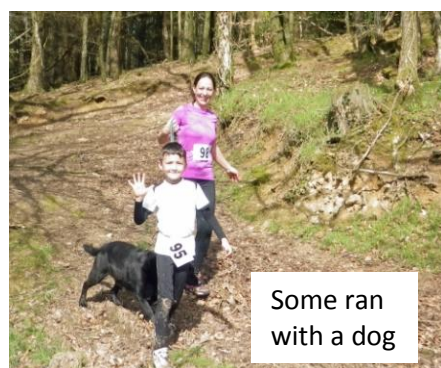
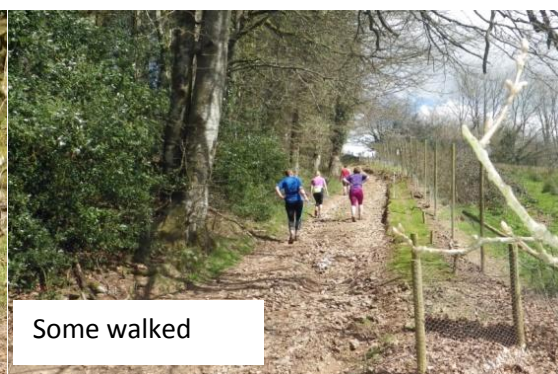
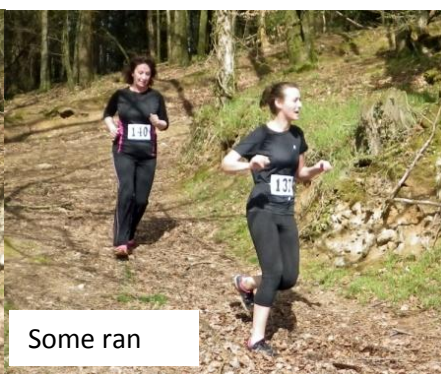
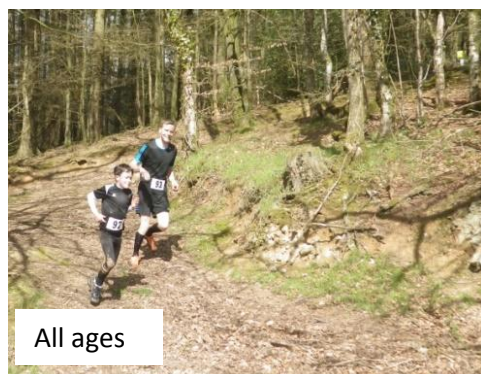
. . . and finally they are ready to go!

.....and they're off!



It was a glorious spring day when 53 runners of all ages and abilities ran the muddy trails and steep hills on Exe Valley Rotary Club's annual Templeton Trail. The fundraising, but mainly **fun**, run is held on a private estate near Templeton and Cruwys Morchard and participants can choose a 5km or 10km course and also decide whether to run it or walk it. Whatever the choice the route is a through unspoilt wild woodland forests and deep valleys with spectacular views across to Dartmoor and Exmoor.

The Templeton Trail provides something for everyone



**Whatever the choice a great time was had by all!!!
Come again next year!**



Speakers Corner

9th March: Hedley Saunders RNLI



OUR 2015 STATS:

57 Launches 49 People Assisted 245 Hours on Service 27 Services in the Dark

Celebrating over 200 years as a lifeboat station, **Exmouth RNLI** operates an inshore D class lifeboat *George Bearman* and the new Shannon class lifeboat *R and J Welburn*. We have a visitor viewing gallery above the RNLI gift shop where you can view the all-weather Shannon class lifeboat. You can also see its Launch and Recovery System through the glass, during shop opening hours. Our station conducts visits by arrangement. We forward to welcoming you to our station!

Exmouth Lifeboat Station is situated on Queens Drive, near to Maer Rocks.

The current lifeboat station went operational on 21 November 2009. It was built using funds from a major appeal, and a number of significant legacies, each of which are detailed on plaques in each room. The lifeboat station houses: Shannon Class All Weather Lifeboat (ALB) *R and J Welburn*, with its carriage and tractor – Shannon launch and recovery system (SLARS). D Class Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) *George Bearman* with its Tooltrak tractor and carriage. The ramp is wide enough to allow both boats to be launched at the same time. In June 2012, photovoltaic cell panels were fitted to the roof, providing power to contribute to the national grid which the charity benefits from in the way of reduced energy bill tariffs, therefore saving money. Former Coxswain Mechanic, Tim Mock describes the other environmentally-friendly designs of the building; 'We have geothermal heating, drawing natural energy from the Earth's core using the boreholes made during the building's construction. All the lighting in the building is operated by proximity sensors for the minimum amount of time needed, so no lights are left on unnecessarily. The wood used is sustainable cedar and the window glass is highly energy-efficient. We also harvest a large quantity of rain water from our specially designed roof, which is used to wash the boats with.'

The Lifeboats

The Shannon Class All Weather Lifeboat (ALB)

R and J Welburn



The Shannon is the latest class of all-weather lifeboat to join the RNLI fleet and the first to be propelled by water jets instead of traditional propellers, making it our most agile and manoeuvrable all-weather lifeboat yet. It is designed to be launched and recovered from a beach via a new faster and safer launch and recovery system, as well as lie afloat.

Designed entirely in-house by a team of RNLI engineers, the RNLI has harnessed cutting-edge technology to ensure this new lifeboat meets the demands of a 21st century rescue service, building on systems developed for its big sister, the Tamar class.

Length: OA 13.6m; Beam: 4.5m; Draught: 1m

Max. Speed: 25 knots; Range: 250 nm

Engines: 2 x 13-litre 650hp Scania D13 engines with twin Hamilton HJ364 waterjets

The D Class Inshore Lifeboat (ILB)

George Bearman



For more than 40 years the D class lifeboat has served as the workhorse of the RNLI Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) fleet. Significantly smaller in comparison to the rest of the inshore fleet, the D-class is also the only vessel not to feature a rigid hull. The main aspect of the boat would be both its size and weight. The D-class has been specifically designed as a light and highly manoeuvrable rapid response craft – a title which it gracefully exceeds.

The current ILB, D669, entered service at Exmouth on 30 September 2006.

Length: 4.95m (16ft); No. of crew: 3 or 4

Propulsion: Mariner 50hp outboard; Max. Speed: 25 knots

Endurance: 3 Hours at full speed

Displacement: 338 kg

Conversation overheard from the Top Table between Hedley & VPE Freeman.....

I skippered the lifeboat on one occasion when we launched in a 100mph gale, with a mile high tsunami sweeping up the channel and over 50 boats sending out distress signals when I



.....that's all very interesting, I suppose.....but, I'm a skipper too, you know!



Since I took over as skipper of Exe Valley Rotary Club skittle team 10 years ago we've only ever lost one league game!

23rd March: Alison Hernandez



Alison Hernandez, the Conservative candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner in Devon and Cornwall, spoke to members on the importance of the role and why it was important to vote at the election on the 5th May.

She explained the main responsibilities of the Commissioner was the power to hire and fire Chief Constables, set police budgets worth hundreds of millions of pounds, set local priorities for policing, and to ensure our communities are kept safe and secure. She thought the demands on the police were becoming more challenging: the rise of modern slavery, residents of the UK are the third most trafficked in the world; the rise of cyber crime, an age where you are more likely to be a victim of crime online than in the street where you live; the rise of terrorism with recent attacks in Paris and Brussels.

She outlined what she considered the future Commissioner's role should entail. This role will require tackling crime from all angles not just from a police perspective. Understanding the needs and challenges of the rural, urban and coastal communities within Devon and Cornwall is vital. This will require strategic thinking and the ability to form strong partnerships and alliances. We need safety, first and foremost in our minds, to protect the people of Devon and Cornwall. We must help to offer a clear vision and purpose for our Policing Service and be relentless in communicating clearly on how funding is being spent, not a focus on what is being cut but what is changing for the better. The Police and other Agencies must be held to account through the exposure of their positive actions to tackle crime (or the lack of them), to create a culture of innovation and learning getting back to the basics of what the public expect the Police to do to support them and keep high risk prolific offenders off our streets. Prevention is also important and we must continue to work alongside others to achieve this. Victim Support : victims of crime and the most vulnerable must be protected from harm to ensure that even more offenders are brought to justice. We need to put an end to those who suffer from repeat victimisation. Diversity of geography - rural/coastal/urban, technologies and of people. Differing policing and communication styles for differing real and online communities.

Other Candidates : Bob Spencer (Independent), Gareth Derrick (Labour), Richard Younger-Ross (Liberal Democrat), Jonathan Smith (UKIP), William Morris (Independent)

13th April - THS Head Boy and Girl



Jon Sowden, Partnership Director Tiverton High School, thanked the Club for all its help and support to the school and pupils. He appreciated the Club's contribution to the success of the Balloon Festival, the Two Rivers Music Festival and for supporting two teams from the school in the 'Rotary Youth Speaks' competition where one team reached the regional final. Jon highlighted some of the challenges coming up in the near future. Petroc College will no longer be offering courses for 'A' level students and THS is investigating the possibility of offering courses at the school. The Two Rivers Music Festival is being staged again this year but the Balloon Festival will not be taking place.

Jon introduced the High School's Head Boy and Girl, Jake and Katherine. Jake and Katherine summarised what THS had given to them. Jake had enjoyed and excelled in many sports whilst Katherine's horizons had been broadened from school trips she had undertaken. They are two of a select few of ambassadors for the school and are actively involved in many community activities, many of which can be seen on the school's impressive website.

The school has an Interact Club which raised over £6,500 in the year ended June 2015. for good causes in the community. A great credit to the club.

Peter Mitchell gave a vote of thanks concluding that it was young people like Luke and Katherine that would be the future 'movers and shakers' in our community and wished them both every success in the future.

Report by Rtn Peter Mitchell

District News

Exmoor Rotary, Paul Harris Fellowships Awarded

Exmoor Rotary Club has a great respect for Paul Harris Fellowships, and only awards them in very exceptional circumstances to people who have consistently gone far more than the extra mile in their service to the club. In recent years, individuals have only been awarded medals every 3 or 4 years. Therefore it was a huge (and well-kept) surprise that no fewer than 4 medals were awarded at a club lunchtime meeting with partners on March 22nd. Being feted were those responsible for organising the two annual Exmoor Challenges for many years, where the four Rotarians have been involved cumulatively for nearly 50 years!

The Exmoor Youth Challenge started in 1982, originally with pony treks on the moor, but this soon became a sponsored walk for children. In the 1990s it became the 16 mile walk in timed stages it is today. Barney Hopkinson has been responsible for all liaisons with over 40 schools and youth groups, and for sorting out the teams and allocating them all the numbers and timings and paperwork, and collecting the entrance fees. Tony Trigg has been responsible for all the adult supervision for the event, now very much more comprehensive than in those early days.

Over 120 marshals and helpers are required, and these are supplied from 3 other Rotary clubs, and Rotary families and friends. Alan Woolley does almost everything else! This involves liaison with the National Park, Rangers, Search and Rescue, RAYNET, St John Ambulance, and over 25 landowners and farmers, to name but a few. He also organises the correct kit for checkpoints, the efficient running of the base at Dulverton School, and all the complexities of the paperwork to be downloaded from the website. Of course this is a great simplification, and all three work with others as an efficient team. Sponsorship money goes to CHSW, but more importantly it is a service to the local communities to provide a really worthwhile event for young people, physically, mentally, and in creating team-building. We get very appreciative comments from schools and parents praising our expertise and commitment.

The Senior Exmoor Challenge probably started as a means of fund-raising for the new Children's Hospice SW 25 years ago. The original routes followed those used in the Youth Challenge, but the adults found them too long and too hard! – so they are now 5 or 10 miles. It was conceived as a competition between the Devon and Somerset Districts (now 1175 and 1200) so many clubs have to be contacted and encouraged to send walkers to take part. Gillie Appleby and her husband Bob have run this challenge for the last 10 years and in that time have devised walks from 6 different Exmoor locations to give great variety from year to year. Eddie Farwell, founder of CHSW has often taken part himself and has been very appreciative of our donations through the years.

All four of those members named above are also Past Presidents of the Club, and have contributed in many other ways such as Alan Woolley organising our involvement with Bampton Charter Fair, and Tony Trigg being responsible for many years publishing our monthly Bulletin. These awards are timely in that Tony and Barney are in the process of handing over their roles to members of the Tiverton Club, and Gillie has handed over to President Elect Derek Webster. In recognition of their outstanding service to the Club, President David presented richly deserved Paul Harris Fellowships to a satisfyingly gobsmacked Alan, Barney, Tony, and Gillie. Humphrey Berridge

RIBI News



You have the chance to join Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland in commemorating the Presidential handover of Peter Davey to Eve Conway on Saturday 2nd July 2016.

Watch the sun set over London's iconic landmarks and take in the stunning skyline from the Thames' largest party boat, the Dixie Queen. Embarking at Tower Pier, guests will experience a night of dinner, live music and dancing. The dress code for the celebration is smart casual. Live music will include Cody Lee who appeared on [BBC1's 'The Voice'](#) and his band The Retro Boys, the UK's youngest retro band. For more information and to register for the event, visit the following [link](#).

Sport

Skittles

No new news, just the same old news apparently Exe Valley Rotary Club has won the League. Again. Ho, hum. . .

Gardening



By the way.....



More than 100 people attended Blundell's School for a quiz organised by the Rotary Club of Tiverton which raised £1,100 for a variety of charities.

The eventual winners were The Interlopers, a team lead by our very own Exe Valley Rotary Club polymath Arthur Heywood.

Well done Arthur & team & well done RC Tiverton for a splendid fund raising evening.



'Miserable Sod and Stupid Cow, the therapist will see you now'



'Well, that's good. You haven't got dementia . You're just a stupid old git'