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The Newsletter of Exe Valley Rotary Club

President Les



President Elect's Notes:

Well not long now and a little before my time I have to say. It has come to my attention via our Editor in Chief that the outgoing President has already downed tools in respect of the President's Notes in the newsletter and handed the baton to me – a clear abdication of his presidential responsibilities!

However, I am looking forward to my year as President hopefully keeping the fun and fellowship at the forefront of all we do. It is, of course, pleasing to raise funds that are needed to facilitate our charitable donations but it should not over-shadow our involvement and promoting the work of Rotary and our club in the local community.

For those of you that attended Club Assembly you will have heard in broad terms how I would like my year to pan out. Much of the same in terms of holding the Uffculme Show, Templeton Trial, collections as appropriate etc., but with the addition of the Caerphilly Male Voice Choir Concert, a winter homeless event and a few tweaks to make club, committees and meetings run even more smoothly.

By the time this is circulated to club members we will have held handover evening. I am sure all those who attended will have enjoyed the evening.

It would be remiss of me if I did not place on record in this newsletter mine and members thanks to outgoing President John for all his hard work over the past Rotary year, his humour during meetings and leadership – another successful EVRC year. President John you should be very proud of your achievements.

It has been a pleasure for me to be John's President Elect and work with him. He can now sit back and take a well-earned rest from the day to day Rotary matters and concentrate on the skittles. I will be introducing weekly early morning gym sessions for the team.

Thank you all for your continued support of Exe Valley Rotary Club and I look forward to working with you in your respective committees.

Les

A man fell into a combine harvester yesterday whilst trying to steal it. He is due to be bailed tomorrow.

Uffculme Show 2017 : Report by Rtn Charles Denman



Many of us looked out of our windows early on May Day Monday morning wondering whether all of our efforts were to be thwarted particularly following a period of heavy rain the previous day! Fortunately our fears were unfounded as the early rain petered out and the ground already hardened by several dry weeks held up very well allowing stall holders and entertainers to set up without difficulty.

By 10 o'clock everything was in place as "Farmer John" Greenslade, M.B.E. with his wife Jeanette arrived to open the Show. Thanks to them both very much for coming.

After a slow start prompted no doubt by the now receding storms and encouraged by a live broadcast on Radio Devon and messages on social media, the crowds began to roll in, too late sadly for several of our classic car entrants who decided to leave their prize possessions at home (and their cars too!). Soon Tano Taiko were drumming and Men Behaving Tradly, our new resident band, taking over from the retired Ukelele Crazy team, were playing their hearts out under the two new Canopies brought in to protect the entertainers this year. Birds of Prey provided by Bay Bird Falconry flew over the show ground while Sicro Magic entertained us with his tricks and balloon modelling. Rainbow Gecko provided bubbles galore and a magnificent group of Kalash Dancers provided their own brand of special entertainment on the main stage, (no wet feet this year!) while the excellent Thunderbridge Blue Grass took over the music slot.

The highlight for many mums and dads at midday was an hour of music and song from the pupils at Uffculme School and new for this year also from Uffculme Primary School. We thank them and the staff, who all gave up their Bank Holiday, very much for giving us such a great show.

Regular attenders now were the wonderful Lusitano horses provided and ridden by Ed and Chris Hannaford. Did I see a Unicorn or was it all a dream? Kirk and Kathleen Lovely with their own super horse also gave us a unique insight into Outrageous Dressage!

As always turn out from the Exe Valley Club was fantastic both on the day and at the set up on the previous weekend. Skittles, welly throwing, gates, carparks and the burger stall were all manned by Rotarians and their wives, partners, friends and children. Minor setbacks with windblown gazebos, a shortage of barbecues and incompatible gas cylinders were soon overcome! Thanks must also go to our sponsors, stall holders on the field and in the craft marquee and supporters, Mole Valley Farmers for producing the programme, Nettle of Exeter for the Show posters, North Devon PA for their excellent commentary, John Dorse for the straw bales, the Sea Cadets for their invaluable work in the car park and the Army Cadets for bringing along their ever popular climbing wall. Thanks to Tiverton Rotary Club for bringing along their recruitment vehicle and for manning it on the day. The fields were again generously provided by Rtn John Radford and Honorary member Geoffrey Persey.

Receipts will inevitably be a little down this year as some would have unfortunately been put off by the storms on the previous day, reduced further by the one off purchases of a much needed storage container now safely in position on the show field and two new barbecues which will surely stand us in good stead for future events.

The show is, as we have said many times. not just about fund raising although at present it is our only substantial opportunity to do so. I'm sure that everyone who came enjoyed it and those who looked out of their windows that morning and chose not to come missed out on a fantastic day. A wider use of social media in the future may provide an opportunity to communicate more with potential show goers next time?

For Rotarians it's a great opportunity for fellowship and to promote the club and its activities in the community.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone, without your support the show would not go on!



Uffculme Show Photo Gallery



Photos by Tony Nderitu

Clay Pigeon Shoot

Report by Ray Radford & John Radford

On Weds 31st May our Exe Valley held a Clay Shoot at Bruce Pearson's followed by a BBQ. This being a 5th Weds in the month, our partners were invited. The shoot got under way by 6pm. Although it was a 'first come first served' in shoot order, many of the ladies had a go. Some were better than expected at it. Some of our male members were unexpectedly and exceptionally good. None of us less experienced members shot all the clays fired at us, although there were some that were very good and shot most of them. Some of us were not so good, just wondered if we should have had reduced costs, because they were able to go around and pick up the clays we had missed. Drinks were available all evening, the more we drank the worse we got. Come about 8pm we retired to Bruce's garage for the BBQ. In total there were 48 of us. Well we called it a BBQ but it was better than that, Bruce had cooked a massive joint of meat with all the vegetables to go with it. The cost was very reasonable at £5 per head, and Bruce even made a profit of £90 from that. It was not intended to be a profit event, just something that was going to cover the cost. As for the drinks, it was the cheapest place in town. We just had to go into Bruce's bar and help ourselves and put the money in the till, £1.50 a pint and £1.50 for a glass of wine and 50p for soft drinks. A very enjoyable evening. The Exe Valley Rotary Club extends our gratitude to Bruce and Christine for their hospitality. They were really marvellous, nothing was too much trouble, whatever we had forgot Bruce and Christine could find. We thank you both for a wonderful evening.



Paul Harris Award



Rtn Bob Rice Rtn



Rtn Bruce Pearson



Rtn Arthur Heywood

Three stalwart members of Exe Valley Rotary Club were presented with the Paul Harris Award by President John at subsequent meetings held in June. He praised all three for their continued service above self and their dedication to Rotary ideals. This award is given to honour individuals as Paul Harris Fellows. The honorees are persons who meet high professional and personal standards set forth by Paul Harris. A Paul Harris Fellow receives a special certificate and a gold pin.

Rotaract



Caitlin Davies

The Mid Devon Rotaract Club's founder Caitlin Davies has decided that the first fundraising event will be a sponsored walk to raise funds for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. This event will take place on Sunday, August 6th at 10.30 am and is being organised in conjunction with Exe Valley Rotary Club. It is a circular seven kilometre route starting from Dartmoor's Visitor Centre in Princetown and is suitable for everyone from strollers to the experienced ramble. Caitlin decided on this cause after needing their help when she collapsed on Dartmoor earlier this year during a Duke of Edinburgh gold practice expedition. Because of the remote location and her deteriorating condition the Devon Air Ambulance was called for. Recalling her experience Caitlin said "Although my memory is hazy from the event, the crew did a phenomenal job. I am devastated that I did not finish the remaining ten kilometres for the walk - but that is a job for another day. Without the help of the Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team, the Air Ambulance Crew, fellow students and teachers I would not have made the quick recovery that I did." The sponsored walk will cost £5 per participant and there is also an option to sponsor walkers via uk.virginmoneygiving.com. Caitlin is hoping the day will be a great success as she feels the Search and Rescue teams do not get the recognition they deserve. Made up of volunteers they need £15,000 a year to maintain their service and the Air Ambulance Trust requires £5.5 million to keep the operation each year. For further information email tiverton-rotaract@gmail.com or messaging Mid Devon Rotaract Club on Facebook.

Handover Night : 28th June

Editors' Note

Apologies for lack of coverage of this important EVRC event. The evening coincided with the ExePress staff annual holiday in deepest, (and with the weather so far, darkest), Cornwall. A freelance agent was recruited to cover the occasion but nothing has materialised before the agreed deadline.

So, on with our holiday . . . it's waterproof jackets on and umbrellas up and off to the beach we go!

Speakers' Corner

21st June : Brendan Bellis

Mid Devon Mills Group

The 'Mills Project' involves the restoration of historic mills, weirs and leats in Mid Devon to generate energy for local communities. Other potential benefits include better management of local waterways, reduced flood risks and a boost to local jobs and growth. It is being developed by the Hydro Mills Group (HMG), a consortia of waterside land owners, and receives regular input from a number of key local organisations including South West Water and Western Power. It is also supported by Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) and the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership. The project has recently been successful in a funding bid to bring in expert consultancy to help develop the business model. This will allow plans to be submitted for Government support in the future. The project will need to develop a number of successful pilot sites before it can be replicated and rolled out in other parts of the UK.



Travel Travail

Report by Our Man Not Quite Down Under KK

A funny thing happened on my way to----

Flying to Perth, (the Australian one), is a piece of doddle. Afternoon train to Heathrow 2hours 30m. Singapore Airlines smoothly carry you to their home town and a warm reception in the late afternoon, smooth £15 taxi to hotel by the river. Throw your bags in the room and wander the river bank pausing several times for a cool Tiger beer before happy hour finishes and casually choose one of the 35 restaurants on your 'wow' list. Sample the wall to wall sunshine during the next day and take the civilised timed, 9 am hop down to sunny Perth. Every year. Almost boring? Wait 2017. Chose New Year's Eve to fly. This is guaranteed to be half empty as who wants to fly NYE. Answer; 425 returning Singaporeans to see in their own New Year . Result. Aircraft change to fit them all in. Booked seats all changed, end up seated in middle of 5 for 13 hours, landed in the old terminal 1 (not 3 as usual because of aircraft change) to a scene reminiscent of Trafalgar Square on VE day. The taxi queue of 300 odd took over an hour and half to clear resulting in arriving in hotel with ten minutes to spare before happy hour ends. (happy hour is half priced drinks). The hotel was not our usual one "Riverside Hotel, which was being renovated. However we were happy to book the Riverview , advertised as next door to the Riverside. Send bags to room, stroll to bar. Establish that this Hotel has Happy Hour. 4 Tigers later the bill is challenged as full price is charged. . "Why! ", when does happy hour end. Barman-- "It doesn't end we've made happy hour run 24/7. Me " So every hour is happy hour"? Barman, "Yep" " Which is like saying no happy hour"? Shrug. Up to room to change. Glance from window did not show the river. Walking out of hotel also did not show the river, for a good reason. The Riverview Hotel was 200 metres from the nearest bit of river and due to road crossing points and rows of buildings took 15 minutes to reach. Reminded me of that old song; You could see to Stepney marshes if it wasn't for the houses in between. Walking the river was, as always lovely and a new Moroccan restaurant provided a long awaited happy two hours. As we dined we planned to give the zoo a look in on the morrow. Singapore has a world class zoo on hundreds of acres, most animals in the world are there in natural environments and courtesy busses around the area very useful as it is rather hot in Singapore as expected 2 degrees from the equator. We were beginning to really relax when we visited the elephants show, and at the finish with crowds exiting, the sky darkened and then opened. Most of the audience were Singaporeans and immediately tropical brollies appeared. It took 20 minutes to exit and reach shelter. If you have ever made the mistake of taking a bath fully dressed!!! ?? Days later and admittedly having made this Journey a dozen times without any trouble at all I guessed we are not hard done by.

Letters

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Club subscription for the coming Rotary year that begins on 1st July, 2017 will be £90.00 per member.

The increase is due to the rise in the subscription to RIBI from £52 to £60 per member. District subscription at £17 per member is unchanged and our contributions to the Rotary Website (£50) and to the Rotary Foundation for polio elimination (£500) remain unchanged. The total cost of these per member in 2017/2018 will be £88.96/member. The major reason for the steep rise in RIBI subscription is that payments to Rotary International have risen from £918K per year to £1.225MM per year, due to the change in the value of the GBP against the USD. Certain other costs have risen and RIBI has been running at a £115K deficit for the last two years. These subscriptions are due now! A change in the operating procedure means that I shall have to pay RIBI very soon after 1st July for all members on their books on 1st July. 2017. As an inducement for early payment, Council have decided that there will be an early-payment discount of £5. Thus, all members who pay me before midnight on Tuesday, 1st August, 2017 can pay £85.00. You may pay by cheque, made out to Exe Valley Rotary Club, and given, delivered or mailed to me at 21 Briton St., Bampton, EX16 9LN. You may pay by Bank Transfer to HSBC, Sort Code: 40-44-18, Account #: 41046756 If you pay by bank transfer, please identify the payment as "Your name - subscription". and E-Mail me when you have done it.

Many thanks, Ken Mills, Hon. Treasurer

Dear Exe Valley Rotary Club,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for hosting me at your Annual Assembly on the 14th June, as well as your generous donation towards Rotaract's selected charities. I'm pleased to say that donations including one Rotarian's eleven pence have helped us to pass the £300 mark in our fundraising efforts. Secondly, it wouldn't be a Rotaract write up without mentioning our upcoming Rotary walk! If you would be interested in joining us, please could you let Anthony, Les or Charles know and they can provide you with the relevant forms. Please feel free to bring along friends and family and I shall look forward to seeing some of you there!

Thank you, Caitlin Davies



Helen Ruddock of Suffolk, England bequeathed a generous donation in excess of £1.25 million to The Rotary Foundation. Having passed away in 2015 at the age of 96, and although not a Rotarian herself, Mrs. Ruddock had a passion for improving the lives of others.

Her introduction to Rotary and [The Rotary Foundation](#) was made by a close friend, Mike Harrington-Spier, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Halstead for a number of years.

Complying with Mrs. Ruddock's wishes, the spendable earnings from her gift, known as the Helen Ruddock Foundation Endowed Fund, will exclusively fund charitable service projects in the area of water and sanitation to improve the provision of clean water and hygiene practices in communities across Africa through the Rotary Global Grants programme.

Despite not being a member of Rotary, Mrs. Ruddock exhibited many of the values of Rotary throughout her life with her involvement in her local community and by devoting her time and talents to help others.

Music was central to her life and for many years she split her time between tending the farm her parent's had owned and teaching piano, after being educated at institutions including the Royal College of Music.

She married her beloved husband Ted in 1956, and after his death in 1970, she went on to become a highly respected piano teacher, sharing her knowledge at South Lee School in Bury St. Edmunds, Fairstead House School in Newmarket and Riverwalk School, where she worked with children with severe learning difficulties.

Mike, who was a former pupil of Mrs. Ruddock, can certainly vouch for her ability to inspire her pupil's to get the best out of themselves, "She made you work to achieve your potential, which was often more than we thought it was. She was able to get her students into some of the most prestigious of universities and colleges."

He also describes her as a very money-wise lady, "Helen was thrifty and prudent with finances but so generous as person. During her long life she helped so many to fulfil their promises and it is typical of her that she wanted her legacy to help those families who suffer the most. Although modest by nature I am sure she would have been quietly proud of her achievement."

"Helen knew the value of money and how it could change the lives of so many people if used wisely. She knew the money was in safe hands with Rotary and will make a tremendous difference."

The Rotary Foundation this year celebrates its [centennial anniversary](#). Over the last 100 years, the Foundation has funded over \$3 billion worth of projects in Rotary's Six Areas of Focus in communities around the world.

Alison Budge from Ashtons Legal, who provided legal advice to Mrs. Ruddock said: "We are seeing more and more clients leaving money to good causes in their Wills, and know how much these charities rely on legacy gifts. I knew Helen for many years both as a friend and a client and I greatly appreciated her lively character and indefatigable spirit. Helen was very explicit in her wishes and it was a pleasure assisting her in setting up the Helen Ruddock Foundation Endowed Fund."

The Rotary Foundation could not be more pleased to honour Mrs. Ruddock as an esteemed member of the Arch Klumph Society, formed in 2004 to recognise The Rotary Foundation's highest tier of donors.



Club Bulletin

The year ahead from the President's perspective – a few thoughts

For those of you who were (un) fortunate not to be at Club Assembly a couple of weeks ago I have been asked by Rtn. Editor Mike to do a brief for Exeexpress of what I said in my "Presidential Address" and my thoughts for the Rotary year ahead. I have to say I believe I am treading on very thin ice here, not for my thoughts but for the fact the I used the phrase "intending to streamline club business", spoke for a while about it and then got fined by the Master At Arms for being too long.

So here I will be short, without too much detail.

It really goes without saying I am looking forward to the year ahead and working with you all through your committees or individually if appropriate and following on the good work of President John.....

The themes for RI and our District respectively are: "**Making a Difference**" and "**We all stand together**". I would like to add my own and that is "**Changing lives in a positive way**". Every activity we do encompasses all 3 themes and may it continue.

The Officers and Committee Structures are available for you to view on-line. Committees are basically as last year. Why the need to change each and every year unless you specifically want to move to a different committee - if you do please ask? The points in the circulated Club Assembly document are merely a framework. We as a club will hopefully continue with our usual fundraising and community/youth events but I would hope to do others also. I believe our club is a vibrant Club, run by us for us and in our own way but within the Rotary Structure. RI and RIBI forever talk about membership decline, surely the quality of Rotarian is paramount not the quantity.

Council/Business Meetings

As I said at the beginning I would like to follow on the work of President John and streamline these meetings a little further.

I see Council to be made up of: President, Immediate Past President, President Elect/Secretary, Junior Vice President, Treasurer and the 6 Committee Chairs or their representative. In addition two lay members who can give me guidance, advice and are experienced Rotarians. That will certainly give a good cross-section of membership on Council. If you are interested in Council business but not a Council member I would encourage you to come along occasionally.

Council meetings will be minuted and uploaded to the website. Controversial/items of a personal nature will be hidden. LoA will be dealt with by President, President Elect/Secretary and Junior Vice President.

I believe too many minor and insignificant issues both financial and otherwise are put to the club members for decision. We are all sensible experienced business people and should in my view be given delegated authority on certain matters. That also applies to Committees and their Chairs. At my first Council/Business Meeting I wish to put to Council/Club the question:

What do you as members actually want to be informed about and make decisions on?

Why not have in place some delegated financial authority? I believe Committee chairs should have a budget of say £250 to spend against receipt. Council should be able to authorise expenditure up to £750. A modicum of proper business decision making by experienced business people. The mechanics for Treasurer Ken to work to may need a small discussion.

Managers make decisions, leaders make the right decisions.

Committee reports to be submitted 6 days before Council to the Secretary who will upload them onto the website for viewing by members as they wish.

So that's about it for now. No doubt another fine will be heading my way!

These points are all for discussion and for that I hope to see a number of you at the normal Business meeting on **Wednesday 5th July 2017** when we can discuss and put in place these tweaks as appropriate.

Council on that evening will commence at 7.00pm.

Thanks for taking the time to read my notes and hope to see you all very soon.

Les

President

PROGRAMME for July - August 2017

Wednesday	5th	July	2017	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting
Wednesday	12th	July	2017	Justin Sharles, 'Community Defibrillators'
Wednesday	19th	July	2017	Richard Lewis, MDDC Show briefing
Thursday	20th	July	2017	Mid Devon Show briefing & supper at Knightshayes
Saturday	22nd	July	2017	Mid Devon Show
Wednesday	26th	July	2017	T20 Cricket/Scatter Week
Wednesday	2nd	August	2017	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting
Wednesday	9th	August	2017	Spencer Watts, 'Rehabilitation!'
Wednesday	16th	August	2017	T.B.A.
Wednesday	23rd	August	2017	T.B.A.
Wednesday	30th	August	2017	Farm Walk & BBQ at Jersey Farm PARTNERS' EVENING
Wednesday	6th	September	2017	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting
Wednesday	13th	September	2017	Visit T. A.O.S. 'Sister Act' at New Hall. PARTNERS' EVENING
Wednesday	20th	September	2017	Alan Woolley, 'Air Power'??
Wednesday	27th	September	2017	John Greenslade. 'Farmer John'
Wednesday	4th	October	2017	6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting

Duty Rosta

2017			Grace	Meal Steward	Vote of Thanks/Objects
July	5	Council & Business	Mitchell Peter	Jobson Patch	Denman Charles
	12		Nderitu Anthony	Derrett Ron	Webber William
	19		Ashfords' Representative	Disney David	West Bruce
	26		Haig Gavin	Radford John	Barton Tim
Aug	2	Council & Business	Harris Andrew	Butler Andrew	Reynolds Fred
	9		Heywood Arthur	Radford Ray	Ashfords' Representative
	16		Jenner, David	Rice Robert	Courage Ken
	23		Kidd Ken	Shears Chris	Davies Trefor
	30		King Chris	Steele Chris	Davies Rory
Sept	6	Council & Business	Mills Ken	Steiner Tony	Denman Charles
	13		Leach Fred	Jerry Tiernan	Derrett Ron
	20		Leach Fred	Taylor Richard	Disney David
	27		Nderitu Anthony	Scrace Nic	Vickery Richard

The Rosta & Programme are often updated so remember to check the EVRC website



InfoMedley

A fairly compact review of significant news, reports, emails of the past two months. Reports that were submitted with information that was private & confidential have been removed and out of date information has been amended accordingly.

Minutes of the AGM & Business Meeting : 10th May 2017

The President welcomed Assistant District Governor, Anthony Aggett, who brought greetings from the President of Exeter's Southernhay Club

Treasurer Ken Mills : The yearly accounts will be presented in the autumn.

Various committees reports had been pre-circulated by the relevant. No questions arose and there were no decisions to be made arising from them. All posts for next year had nominees who have already been approved by club. There were no contested positions and no vacancies. The full list had been circulated and was available on club's website. President proposed their election on block rather than individually. Seconded AH. Carried unanimously

Proposed JF seconded LC and carried, that: William Withers be appointed the honorary auditor next year; that Geoffrey Percy continued as an honorary member. Carried unanimously. That EVRC delegates to District next year will be the President, President Elect, Secretary and Immediate past president. That Members of the Council of EVRC next year will be the main officers, immediate past President, the various Chairs of committees plus David Disney and Charles Denman. Other Rotarians are of course welcome to attend all council meetings as observers.

AGM ended & Business Meeting started

The minutes of the last business meeting were approved save to clarify that the recorded contribution to the Tiverton High school actually included £100 being contributed by the Tiverton Rotary club. Paid. The chair of Youth committee was not present today and it was not known whether the primary schools have been notified yet.

The Treasurer: The application with HMRC to register the Club for Gift Aid is still proceeding (I think!) very slowly.

The Secretary: set out a request for financial assistance from Newlife, a charity for disabled children relating to a Silverton child needing a specialist travel bed given his complex genetic condition. Council recommended a contribution of £700. Proposed Bruce Pearson & carried unanimously with the request that the secretary tries to ascertain in whose ownership the equipment will be once the child no longer needs it. Proposed by Treasurer and seconded by Tony Steiner a £70 contribution be made from the club's charity account towards the cost of the Rotary Devon Youth Games in the coming year. Carried unanimously.

ADG Anthony Aggett addressed members, thanking them for making him welcome during his four years in the post from which he now stands down. He congratulated EVRC on its achievements, and was assured of a warm welcome should he wish to return as a guest.

The monthly draw to nominate £100 charitable donation was won by Les Christiansen

Business Meeting 10th May, 2017

Treasurer's Report

£500 has been paid to Tiverton High School for their trip (we expect just £100 from RHfCT). Tiverton Rotary Club sent £100 towards the THS Kenyan trip – this was acknowledged. An acknowledgement has been received from Two Moors School. Nothing from the other schools – none of the cheques (except THS) have been cashed.

Donations of £100 were made to Wessex MS Therapy Centre (Chris Steele Draw) and Kidney Research UK (William Webber Heads'n'Tails - President's Night) – no acknowledgements to date (nor from the Injured Jockeys Association (A Heywood draw).

Business Meeting 7th June 2017

Treasurer's Report

Allocated funds Rotary Holidays for Children 2017 – four schools @ £300 each = £1,200 (+ expected £100 / school from RHfCT).

Donations made as follows: Rotary Youth Games - £70; NewLife (Bed for Jesse in Silverton) £700 – acknowledged

Dream-a-Way - £100 – Les Christiansen draw. Payments also made to St John Ambulance and Templeton Village hall re: Templeton Trail. The accounts for this event, showing a surplus of £116.80, were circulated recently.

I am concerned that a number of recent donations have not been acknowledged – and, in some cases, the cheques have not been paid in after many weeks. These include Tidcombe and Castle Schools, Rotary Youth Games and Wessex MS. Acknowledgement has been received from Kidney Research UK, though they have not cashed the cheque!

Special Account - \$1 (as last month)

The application with HMRC to register the Club for Gift Aid was refused due to lack of accompanying documents that I had in fact sent. I shall have to reapply.

President a) After reminding members this was his last scheduled Business meeting John Freeman took pleasure in presenting Paul Harris Fellowship awards to Rotarians Bruce Pearson, and Robert Rice citing service above self, humour and commitment to Rotary. Neither knew the award was to be made. Each offered their thanks and appreciation. b) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved save for correcting a typographical error in the name of the honorary member.

Subscriptions : a) The Treasurer explained Council's decision about subscriptions for 2017-18 will be £90, but with an available discount of £5 allowed provided £85 is received by the Treasurer before 4pm on 1 August 2017. This was a decision of Council and did not therefore require a vote from club.

b) Secretary reminded members that full annual subscriptions will be payable by everyone on the Rotary International Membership database at 1st July. Anyone who is considering not renewing membership should contact Andy as soon as possible or the full subscriptions will become payable.

Treasurer a) Report with balances had been pre-circulated b) Ken explained several recipients of charitable donations had not acknowledged payment whilst one had acknowledged but had failed to present the cheque. He is chasing.

The Secretary: explained a £300 financial request from the Cullompton Choir to complete a £2000 fundraising effort and buy public address system had been recommended by council and was now proposed by Bruce Pearson. Club carried the proposal with one abstention.

Assembly - Les Christiansen outlined the arrangements for next week's club assembly when Asst District Governor Elect Dianne Shepherd will be attending.

Mid Devon Rotaract: a) Club is the sponsor and Mid Devon Rotaract's Caitlin Davies is organising a 7 km Dartmoor walk on 21 August to benefit Dartmoor rescue and Devon Air Ambulance. Club members are asked to participate if they can. Caitlin will be at Assembly and will have sponsorship forms with her for members to complete. b) BP proposed, seconded AH that £50 be donated from club (not from charity funds) but that fell to an amendment proposed by RT and seconded FR that £250 be donated from club funds. That amendment was carried.

Richard Gough won the draw to nominate a £100 charitable gift.

Community AGM Report

In the last year the Community Committee have supported the Marie Curie Daffodil fundraising weekend, the Tiverton Electric Nights Street Food events and run the Gluhwein stall in the Pannier Market on two evenings prior to Christmas. Thank you to everyone that has supported these activities. The 2017 Electric Nights events have started and this year we have the opportunity to have a Rotary stall at each event in addition to the Christmas Gluhwein. We hope to take full advantage of this to promote both Rotaract and EVRC activities. The next will be on 3rd June. This short and rather dry report perhaps masks the many hours given by our club to the community and the fun and fellowship we have all had in doing so. Here's to another great year.

Tony Steiner

EVRC Community Chair

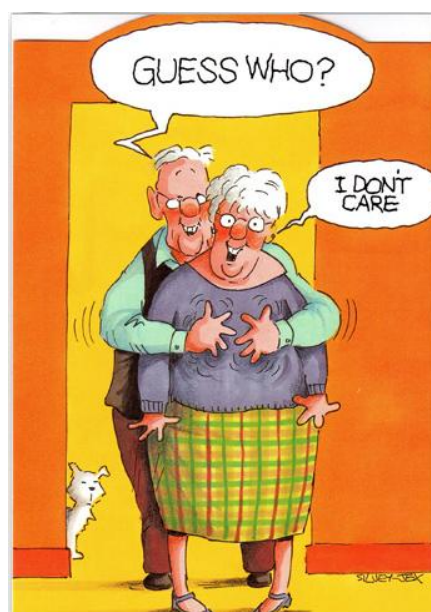
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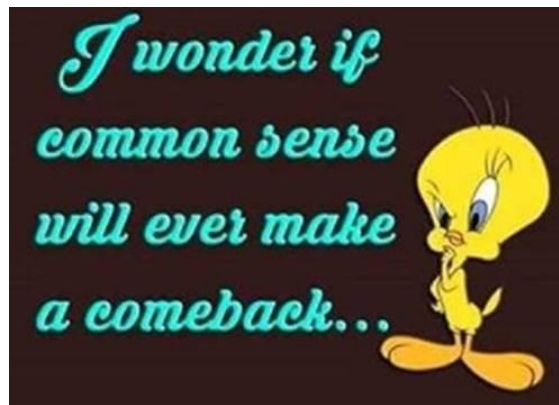
All, the Electric Nights Food events are now running monthly and we are stewarding the road closure as agreed.

We still have the option of having a stand at the events and the display kit has been ordered although sadly has not arrived at the time of writing and therefore not in time for the June event. Fred Reynolds is organising parking stewards for the Cricket event at Knightshayes on 27th July. Please let him know if you can help.

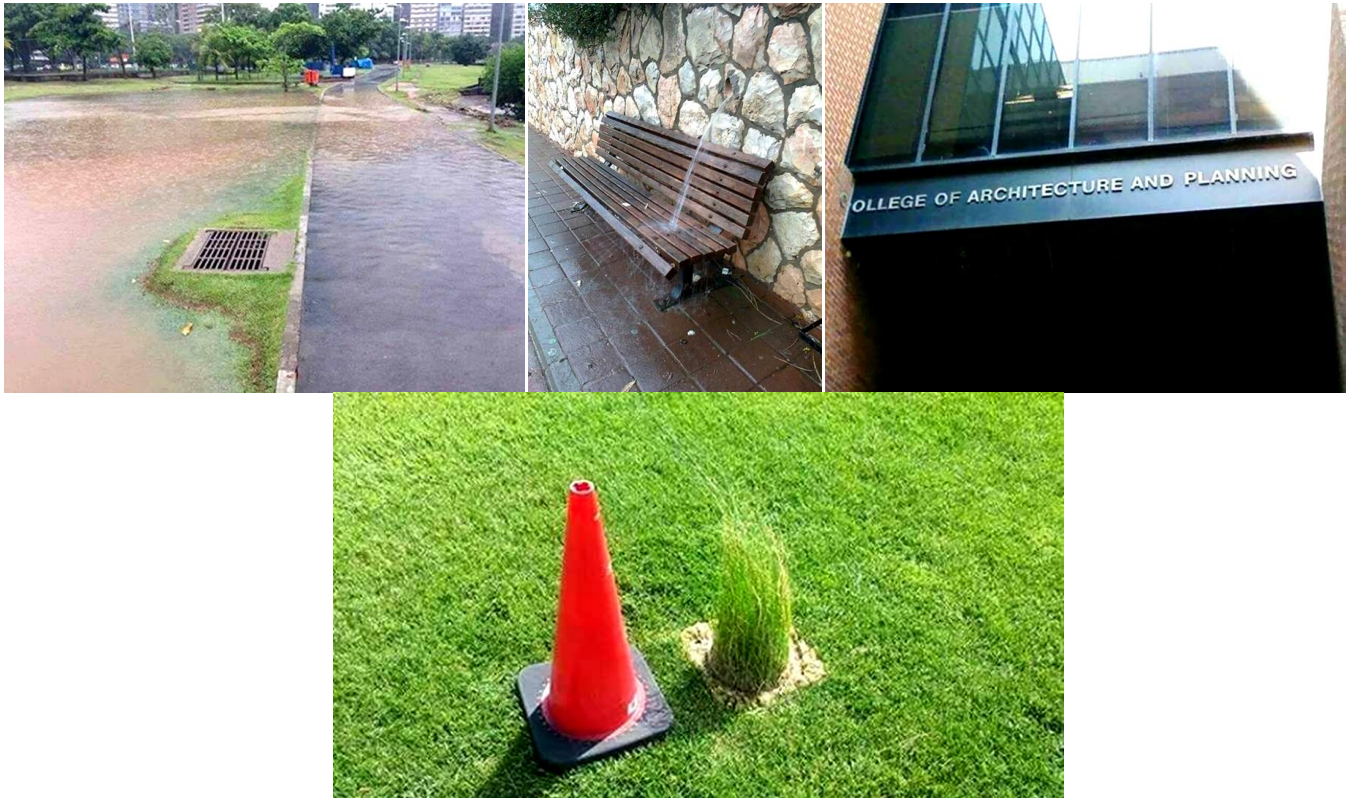
Tony Steiner

EVRC Community Chair





FOR EXAMPLE



More thought provoking snippets from Rtn Richard Taylor:

- > No one ever says, '*It's only a game*' when their team is winning
- > Why isn't the number 11 pronounced *onety one*?
- > If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

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