

EXEpress

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The Newsletter of Exe Valley Rotary Club

President Les



Welcome to my 2nd ExePress newsletter notes. You may not be aware but this is a very special edition as Mike informs me that this is the 50th issue. What a great achievement for the club and in particular a big thank you to all who have contributed to any of the issues over that span of time.

This anniversary should not pass without recognition to Editor Mike for all the hard work he puts in to get articles, photographs, murmurings and jokes etc. The content keeps us up to date, is humorous and fun to read. Thank you Mike from all club members.

Since our last newsletter handover night took place which went very well. It was good to see so many members, wives and friends attending to say thank you to John and welcome me.

In the eight weeks between these two ExePress issues a lot has taken place in club meetings: as ever excellent speakers and work in the community with the Mid Devon Show, Street Food Events, Celebrity Cricket match, Dartmoor Walk for our support of a Mid Devon Rotaract Club and a really fun Car Treasure Hunt. Thank you to all who organised and took part in these events. Each and every one is a credit to our club.

I, Charles, Anthony, Caitlin Davies and members of our mother club are working together to support and promote the Mid Devon Rotaract club vision. We do not wish to see it fold when Caitlin goes off to university. If you know of any 18-30 year olds who may wish to be a part of such a club, please ask them to get in touch. Please spread the word.

Hopefully as we move through August and September we will get some really warm weather for our club events, walk and BBQ. May I respectfully give a gentle reminder to members regarding Club meeting responsibilities? Grace, Steward and Vote of thanks do not come round very often and I ask that you either be available or seek another member to carry out "your" duty. Please do not leave it for the Secretary or me to find a replacement on the night. Also if you are unable to attend a club meeting or have a dietary request please notify John Freeman (enquiries@freemanandfrenchbuilders.co.uk or 01884 253298) Thanks.

Finally, as a club we have been asked to support various events over the coming few weeks so please support the club chairs and committees in whatever way you can. **Uffculme Show** organisation will be starting in earnest next month and of course we have the **Caerphilly Male Voice Choir Event** in October. This will hopefully be a good event for club fundraising and something a little different for members of the community.

Thank you all for your continued support of Exe Valley Rotary Club and enjoy the rest of the summer.

YIR, Les

Rotaract Walk



Report by Caitlin Davies



Report by President Les



In these photos of the show ground you can quite clearly see the volunteers, which included many members of the Exe Valley Rotary Club, hard at work :



.....Enough to bring tears !



Kenya Trip



After 9 years of planning and 2 years of numerous fund-raising events including a donation of £500 from Exe Valley Rotary, 19 students and four members of staff from Tiverton High School made the journey to Kenya for the trip of a life-time. Exe Valley Rotary member and High School teacher Tony Nderitu, spearheaded the trip. Born in Kenya Tony wanted the students to experience different communities and lifestyles and to see different cultures and various aspects of life in Kenya. During the trip the students were split into two separate volunteering groups at two local mixed schools. They completed building works, painted rooms, taught lessons, played games and shared stories. The High School students took donations of clothing, stationery, toys and sporting items which they handed out to the Kenyan children. Tony also arranged for the students to visit the High School's partner school, Njoro Day Secondary School, a visit to the local town, church and markets, a safari and a special visit to his childhood home where his family still lives. The whole trip was a great success and although their mark has been left on the schools they visited it was apparent once the Tiverton students returned to the UK that Kenya had also left a mark on them.

An amazing experience for everyone involved.

Clare's Wedding

Clare is well known to members of the club for the care and attention she provides at our weekly meetings at the Hartnoll Hotel. As she is about to be married to show our appreciation President Les presented her with a gift, (and a kiss!) at the club's meeting on the 2nd August



(Editor's Note: steady on Les, she's about to be married)

Jersey Farm Walk & BBQ



On a glorious summers evening 40 members and partners enjoyed a farm walk and barbecue at Jersey Farm courtesy of hosts David & Janet Disney. The excellent barbecue was held in David's barn and chefs David Steele and John Radford were ably assisted by Janet, Wendy Mills, & Pat Christiansen, who prepared a variety of tasty salads. A fine selection of beers, ciders, Pimms, and soft drinks were also available.

A great evening was had by all!

Many thanks to David and Janet for their kind hospitality and to all those who made it a great success

Speakers' Corner

Spencer Watts 'Rehabilitation!' - 9th August



Spencer originally from Portsmouth and now living in Devon is an inspirational speaker whose story of his tragic accident, recovery, rehabilitation, and desire to help others in a similar situation is truly uplifting. Spencer was your average teenager and just like many teens he had a love for extreme sports, especially motocross. A horrendous accident sustained on his MX bike in 2011 when he was 15 left Spencer paralysed from the waist down and, even after a number of very serious operations, he now faces spending the rest of his life in a wheelchair. It is difficult to imagine how someone so young can manage with such devastation in his life, but after the initial physical and mental anguish, Spencer now simply takes it all in his stride. He still has his intelligence, sense of humour and energy and has dealt with the experience so positively that he is back on the motocross track with a specially adapted MX bike. He refused to turn his back on the sport that put him in a wheelchair and he just focuses on the positive things in life. Spencer presented a video explaining the work of the Matt Hampson Foundation whose aim is to provide advice, support relief and/or treatment for anyone suffering serious injury or disability which has arisen from any cause, but in particular from participation in or training for any sporting activity or other form of physical education or recreation. Individuals are also assisted by direct grants or by existing and future funds to assist with equipment, technology or just every day expenses. Spencer met Matt Hampson and was amazed and inspired at what Matt had achieved despite becoming a paraplegic due to an accident while playing rugby. "It just goes to show no matter what your injuries are there are still things you can achieve & live the life you want to live. I enjoy fundraising for the Foundation to allow them to go on and help people just like me!", he said. Spencer met Laura just before Christmas in 2011 and she is now his wife. They found a suitable bungalow and moved there in March 2012 and now have a son named Oliver aged 15 months old. "I just want to say to everyone out there, there is no such word as CAN'T, there is always a way you can do something, sometimes it just takes a bit of thought & encouragement, let's get busy living!!"

If more people had his personality and view on life, the world would be a better place. What a truly inspirational and humbling young man.

Alan Woolley Bsc CEng MIEE RCNC - The Future of Air Power - 23rd August



Between October 1998 and November 2001 Alan worked for the MoD as the Project Team Leader of a 300 strong Service and Civilian group that developed and introduced into UK service the Typhoon Eurofighter. He gave a very interesting, enlightening, and entertaining talk on the capabilities of this remarkable weapons system and the cutting edge technology which is planned to last for several decades to come.



First Flight:	27th March 1994
Introduction:	4th August 2003
Number Built:	510 (as of June 2017)
Unit Cost:	Euro 90 million

The Eurofighter is a joint initiative by UK, Germany, Italy, and Spain to provide a fighter to continue in active service for the next 45 years. The Typhoon is a highly agile aircraft, designed to be a supremely effective dogfighter in combat. Later production aircraft have been increasingly better equipped to undertake air-to-surface strike missions and to be compatible with an increasing number of different armaments and equipment, including Storm Shadow and the RAF's Brimstone. The Typhoon had its combat debut during the 2011 military intervention in Libya with the UK's Royal Air Force and the Italian Air Force, performing aerial reconnaissance and ground-strike missions. The type has also taken primary responsibility for air-defence duties for the majority of customer nations. Potential exports: The partner companies have divided the world into regions with BAE selling Typhoons to the Middle East, Alenia Aermacchi to Turkey, and EADS offering to Latin America, India and South Korea. Senior vice-president of Eurofighter sales Peter Maute has said that the Eurofighter could provide a complementary capability to stealth fighters.



.....they seek him here, they seek him there, who is that etc., etc., etc.,

The Roving Reporter

Despite warnings members are still acting indiscreetly and their actions never go unspotted by the
Roving Reporter

"Guess Who Owns This Car – ringed in yellow ?" As you can clearly see the car had been dumped in the way of vehicles making their early escape from WHITE Car Park, through the GREY Park exit, as it is evident that the line of cars is being forced to pull over to the Left in order to see the exit gate, but in so doing these cars are then confronted with deep muddy ruts and were then forced to pull hard across to the Right in order to find firm ground once more before driving on to reach the exit gate onto the hard road surface ! The owner/driver (a prominent officeholder in the EVRC) had previously been caught red-handed in almost the same spot in that same field on the Friday, whilst "tailgate-unloading/loading" goods of a hospitality nature from another car parked rear-to-rear, on the pretext of preparing his legal firms' corporate hospitality stand for use by clients on the Saturday. In the final event, the Senior Gate Steward for the Show was left with no alternative on the Saturday afternoon, prior to the commencement of the major exeunt of Livestock transporter vehicles from that field, other than to contact said important personage by mobile 'phone, to politely request him to remove the #@**!!g vehicle A S A P! (He did!)

(Note to Editor: I am aware that the EU/UK laws libel and slander are such that you may be unable to use any of the material now submitted. But Guv, take pity on this struggling roving reporter ... we journalists have to earn the odd crust in order to eat as well as enjoy the odd glass of favourite tippie, so please , Guv, use Wot You Can and don't forget to sign my expenses chit as usual !! Best regards Your ever roving reporter)



Sicut praecepit reus,
me Lud!*

***(Editor's note: this Latin term will be easily understood by the legal beagle concerned)**

Letters



May I, on behalf of the Tiverton Gateway Club thank your Exe Valley Rotary Club, for the lovely trip and the donation towards our transport that they so generously gave to us again this year. All our members had a wonderful time, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I have attached a photo of them in the coach returning home, as you can see they were all very excited. Once again many thanks.

Kind Regards
Gill Huish
Chairperson Tiverton Gateway Club

Golden Oldie News!

July 2010 was the date of the first issue of *ExePress* and here we are 50 copies, eight Presidents, and entering the eighth year and still no one has asked the Editor to "please. STOP!" So to mark it, in no particular order, are some of the items that made it into print



2010 - 2011



2011- 2012



2012- 2013



2013- 2014



2015- 2016



2014- 2015



2016- 2017



2017 - 2018

HONOURING 30 YEARS



On May 20th District Governor Peter Bennett attended our Meeting and presented us with a Certificate acknowledging our Club's 30 Years of Rotary Service. We were chartered on May 16th 1985

THE DUCK RACE



The net revenue was regularly between £4,000 and £5,000 and the total amount raised since 1985 was in excess of £150,000.

Duck Race Presentations 2011

Cheque for £2000 being presented to Paula Hullett, the Community Fundraiser of Children's Hospice South West by President David Fradgley. The shield for second place was presented to two nurses from the West of England dental nurse training by Community Service Chairman, Chris King. The total raised from the last Duck Race in 2012 was £3000+. Although no longer part of the Club's fund raising calendar the 'Great Duck Race' raised many tens of thousands of pounds over its 28 years history.

THE EXMOOR CHALLENGE



Two Moors Primary School entered seven teams of four members in the Exmoor Challenge which is organised by the Rotary Club of Exmoor. All seven teams did well but one team performed exceptionally well, coming second in the Junior Section of 122 entrants. The 60 pupils who participated in the school's preliminary six mile selection walk decided to make it a sponsored walk and raised the magnificent total of £1,000 as a result. This they have donated directly to ShelterBox. The maps, compasses, rucksacks, and polo shirts used by all the Two Moors teams in the Challenge were provided by Exe Valley Rotary Club.

THE UFFCULME SHOW



Neil Parish MP opened the Show and was presented with a £1000 cheque for ShelterBox by President Charles



Exe Valley Rotary Club has run the Uffculme Show for many years. On the May Bank Holiday Monday, the Club goes into overdrive to provide what has become an annual feature in the calendar of the Culm Valley, with over 50 stallholders, 100+ Classic Cars and Tractors, a Fun Fair and Main Ring entertainment. The Dog Show has also gone from strength to strength. Working together, sharing, fund-raising and giving to the local community - the essence of Rotary.

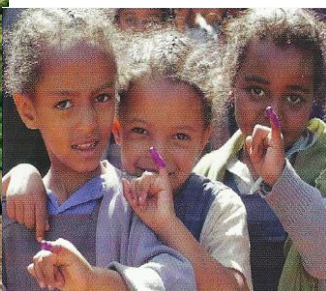


SALVATION ARMY PRESENTATIONS



Captain Diana Green, from the Tiverton Salvation Army, was presented with a cheque for £750 by President Charles and Community Chairman Chris. The donation was given to aid The Salvation Army in their invaluable work over the Christmas period which, for many individuals and families, will be a difficult one. There was also a pledge for a further £100 to the Salvation Army from the club's own monthly fundraising draw

POLIO ERADICATION



Purple4Polio

Two Moors pupils join in the 'Focus on the Crocus' initiative by planting out 1000 bulbs in their raised beds in the school's Kitchen Gardens. 52000 crocuses are being planted by clubs in Devon.

Each bulb represents a purple pinkie: the dyed little finger which shows that a child has received the precious polio vaccine.



Mayor Steve Flaws, Rtms. Ray Radford, Peter Mitchell,
Elect Pres. Elect Les Christiansen,
President John Freeman,
Rtms. Chris Steele, Richard Taylor, and Exeter & District Polio Group
Chairperson, Gordon Guest

THE ROTARY FLAME



In March we were pleased to accept the challenge to arrange an event to celebrate the arrival in our District of the Rotary Flame - a commemorative Torch launched by the Rotary Club of Madras in celebration of India having now been declared officially "Polio Free". This was a culmination of the global project, aimed at ridding the world of Polio, that first started in the Philippines in 1983 as a local project, then became an Rotary International world-wide campaign (named "Polio Plus") in 1985.

Our Club hosted a dinner meeting at The Hartnoll Hotel, where representatives from some 11 other Rotary Clubs in Districts 1200 and 1170, including our DG, Peter Bennett and Cllr Sue Griggs, Mayor of Tiverton, were able to welcome the Rotary Flame which was delivered into our safe custody by the President of the Rotary Club of Bath. A collection made on 1st April, when the "Flame" was eventually ignited at the Hartnoll, despite inclement weather conditions, (together with subsequent additional donations and Fines proceeds) resulted in the sum of \$1,000 being achieved for the "End Polio Now" continuing campaign achieved with assistance from a trebling-up donation by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) to aid the continued efforts to rid the world of the scourge of Polio disease.

On the following evening our President, together with three other members, duly took the Torch on the next stage of its journey through RIBI, by delivering it into the custody of the President of the Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton in District 1200.

The torch has attracted much interest and publicity during its travels, generating considerable additional funds for the EPN campaign in each country visited. It will have circumnavigated the globe after leaving our Club, and will finally be presented to the Rotary International President in person at the RI Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in June this year! EVRC was privileged to be the only Club in our District to be visited by the Rotary Flame. Let us hope that this major RI project will be equally successful in achieving "Polio Free" status in each of the three remaining countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan, within the next few years.

END POLIO NOW !

FERGIE!



Barn Place Director Chris DeVerenne is presented with the tractor by President Andrew while resident Colin tries out the driver's seat

**President Andrew & David with tractor donator David Blunt
Fergie at the DEVON COUNTY SHOW**



Fergie at the MID DEVON SHOW



Fergie T20 Winner Presentation



Alzheimers' Cheque Presentation



Barton Place Nursing Home, Exeter - Donation of a tractor

Following an idea originally suggested by Paul Kenny, David Disney contacted Barton Place Nursing Home with the aim of providing the residents with a tractor. Some of the residents that suffer from various levels of Alzheimers were enthusiastic motor and farm machinery engineers who regularly have mechanical based activities and projects and would benefit from a permanent large installation. Subsequently David and President Andrew Butler visited the home and reported back to the club who agreed to make arrangements for the delivery of a David Brown 880, kindly donated by David Brunt, Lower Sturthill Farm, Bridport. The tractor was safely delivered by David Disney & Ray Radford, and presented last Tuesday by President Andrew,

A concluding report on the whole Fergie Adventure by Rotarian David Disney

The Mid Devon Show was a fitting venue to make the Draw for our Alzheimer Tractor Appeal. Harry and Jane Parker, the donors of the tractor from Warminster, attended the Show, with Jane and her granddaughters Georgia and Ella making the Draw. The Draw winner, Louise Smith from Okehampton, chose the tractor as her prize, rather than the £1,000 alternative. The three runner up prizes of £50 Mole Valley Farmer vouchers go to Sean Henderson, Paul Walton and Basil Seward. The little grey Fergie T20 tractor helped us raise £9,500 for Alzheimer Research UK. Thanks have to go to the Mid Devon Show organisers for allowing us to be there and to all the very generous people who purchased the tickets. I know many people bought a ticket purely as a donation to the Alzheimer Research UK campaign, a personal and sensitive cause. Working/ building links with the Devon County Show, Exeter, Sedgemoor, Frome and Holsworthy Markets, Tiverton Street Foods organisers takes time but provides further opportunities. Contact with local tractor associated businesses (James Pryce tractors, KJ Stoneman & Co and MST) identified those who care. Mole Valley Farmers still has its ethos, surprisingly, of working for the benefit of their members (MVF is a members' organisation) that it was established to cater for. Its support and encouragement has been unstinting not only Nigel Bond but also all the way up to CEO Andrew Jackson and Chairman Graham Cock.

Reflection on the project and its delivery! We provided a tractor and helped a Dementia Nursing Home that was in special measures. That has to be what Rotary is about! This lead to the little ol' grey Fergie that helped us raise £9,500 for charity. The largest single revenue project that the Exe Valley Club has run.

Rtn David Disney hands over the keys to tractor raffle winner Louise Smith from South Zeal. Coming from a farming background she was thrilled to win the tractor and hopes to take it to vintage shows, as well as using it in her work as an occupational therapist. She plans to go to memory cafes and local residential homes to stimulate the memories of dementia sufferers.

The Exmouth RNLI visit of 19th August was also seen as an opportunity to make the Club presentation to Alzheimer Research UK. Liz Ayres, who lives nearby in Budleigh Salterton, joined us with her two daughters to receive the Club's £10,000 cheque on behalf of Alzheimer Research UK. The handing over of the T20 Fergie tractor to Louise Smith at Okehampton and the presentation of the £10,000 cheque to Liz Ayres has drawn the curtain on this Exe Valley Rotary Club project.

Job very well done!

EXE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB SCHOOLS 5-A-SIDE SOCCER on 28th May 2012



TAG RUGBY SPONSORSHIP



Another successful event which the kids certainly enjoy!

The Police and PCSO's organise the competition and the climax is the finals day in June. It has proved a very worthwhile way of building strong relationships with youngsters and the communities as a whole. They are always very grateful for our sponsorship as well as our help on the day. The food provided by the club is well received and the money raised off-sets the sponsorship costs a little. All 16 teams take home medals to recognise their participation on what for them is a most enjoyable and rewarding day.

BANDSTAND MARATHON



From left to right: David Disney, Rotarian Ken Mills, Mayor Tom Lindus, Mayoress Felicity Salter, and Exe Valley Rotary President Fred Reynolds

The Bandstand Marathon brought live music performances to over 500 bandstands and outdoor performances spaces across the UK on Sunday 9 September. Event organiser Julie-Anne Murphy said that "It had been amazing, everybody has mucked in and it's all come together. We've been working on it for three months with help from the Fusion Project and **the Exe Valley Rotary Club**. Lots of people power which has been really helpful and we've been one of just 500 bandstands hosting this kind of event throughout the country and also to marking the closing of the Olympic Games." The organisers had been greatly assisted in putting on the event by Exe Valley Community Chairman David Disney and a team of club members.

A **ShelterBox** display raised £50 in donations

TIVERTON LIGHTS & GLUHWEIN STAND



Die Bürger von Tiverton !
Sie werden Glühwein und
gewürzten pfefergetränke von uns
kaufen !
Sie werden sie genießen!
Sie werden eine gute Zeit haben!



A very successful event due to the hard work of Rotarian Richard Vickery with the support of many Exe Valley members throughout the actual day. Glühwein and Spiced Apple sold out just before the end of the event - how's that for perfect timing?! The townsfolk of Tiverton obviously following the orders issued by the *Glühweinmeister* given above. It was a true community event with Burnett's Sheds & Fencing not only providing, delivering, and erecting the stall which gave the stand high profile, but also Marks & Spencers for supplying the wine and some other goodies at a price that enabled the club to make a decent profit. An event much enjoyed by the participants and the spectators, many of whom obviously appreciated the service provided by the Exe Valley Rotary Club.



Rotary

TIVERTON HOSPITAL WILDLIFE GARDEN 2015



Providing homes for birds, bats, hedgehogs, and any other wildlife that might decide to move in are Rotarians Gavin Haig, Ken Mills, & Richard Vickery, ably assisted by Wendy Mills

THE TEMPLETON TRAIL



Exe Valley Rotary Club organised the Uffculme Challenge for many years. It was a cross country fun run along footpaths, occasional stretches of minor roads and farm tracks for children in Year 3 and above, parents and friends. The event became very popular with the run starting and finishing at Uffculme School. All finishers received a Medal and a Certificate of Achievement

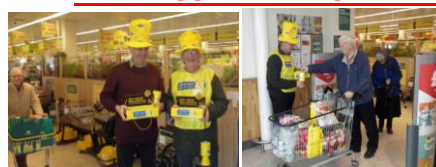
The Templeton Trail

Three years ago, due to circumstances beyond its control, the Club was unable to continue with the Uffculme Challenge and a new venue was sought. Thanks to the generosity of local landowners the Cruwys Morchard Estate was made available and provided two courses which were completely free of road traffic. Both runs wind their way through attractive private woodland which is marked out and marshalled by members and supporters. The runs starts at Templeton Village Hall and is primarily aimed at children between the ages of 10 - 16, but has grown over the years to attract adults who just want a uncompetitive pure 'fun run'.

CAR PARK ATTENDING, STEWARDING & GENERAL MARSHALLING AT THE TWO RIVERS FESTIVAL & BALLOON FESTIVAL



MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL APPEAL COLLECTION



Exe Valley Rotary Club members supported this appeal by volunteering to collect donations at Morrisons over a two day period. This support has been given over several years

ROTARACT



After a few challenging months of promotion and project changes, our Rotaract club has started to focus our efforts on fundraising. Previously, our main project was to help the homeless and last week I was lucky enough to visit the CHAT headquarters. It was a great experience for me as I certainly learned a lot about debt prevention, helping the homeless and criteria for food banks. This year our chosen charities are Devon Air Ambulance and Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team - Ashburton. In terms of Rotaract fundraisers, we are in the planning stages of a 9km sponsored walk on Dartmoor for late July or early August. I will be visiting Ashburton's Search and Rescue base and I hope to walk the planned route afterwards. In addition to this, we are also hoping to do a find the treasure/lucky square fundraiser which could link in with our sponsored walk promotion if we use the Dartmoor map for both activities. In terms of upcoming events, we will be around at the Uffculme Show and the Electric Nights Food Festival on the 6th May. To link in with our fundraising, I will also be busking in Exmouth on the 22nd April with my band (Street Heat Samba) to raise £50 for RYLA and any remaining money will go towards Rotaract's selected charities. **Report by Caitin Davies**

WATERFEST



Tiverton's first WaterFest has been a resounding success and is set to become an annual event. The Grand Western Canal was looking at its best for the summer when a series of water based events were organised. David Disney from Exe Valley Rotary Club who last year had the idea to do something involving water which would bring the community together said he was pleased with the event. He said "I came to the Rowers to share the idea and together the two clubs developed the plan for a Fun Regatta opened to all to coincide with Tivvfest month. The aim was to raise the profile of water based activities and support the Friends of The Grand Western Canal. The organisation had been greatly assisted by the enthusiasm of Tiverton Sea Cadets." Mr. Disney thanked everyone who contributed to the day which he hoped would be bigger and better next year.

THE MID DEVON SHOW



Over the years Exe Valley Rotary have helped at the Mid Devon Show mainly as volunteer stewards operating the various car parks on the periphery of the main show fields. For 21 years this event took place at Hartnoll Farm and the past three years it has been held on land at Chettiscombe Farm and adjoining Knightshayes Court. Always a great day out with lots to see and experience at one of the 'Best one-day Shows in the UK'. As well as marshals and stewards Exe Valley Club assists with the **Youth Tent**.

Chairman Charles Denham would like to thank all those that helped move the kit from THS to the showground and the small team of volunteers in place to move it back to the School on the Sunday morning. The banner at the front of the Youth tent highlighted the support of Rotary to Tiverton Schools many of which will be represented as part of the Community Partnership.



29th August 2016

Exe Valley Rotary Club members turned out in force to marshal, steward, and give general assistance at the 200 years of Heathcoat Celebrations

Boney M, Bucks Fizz, the Wurzels, and many other acts entertained great crowds at Westex Park to celebrate the 200 years Heathcoats had been part of the town. As well as the music the day was filled with fun for everyone from magic shows, martial art displays, balloon making, bouncy castles, face painting and much more. A wide variety of food and drink was available. Cameron Harvie, Managing Director of Heathcoats, said the company was proud to have been part of Tiverton and the people of the town had been key in the company's success.

PARKFEST 2014

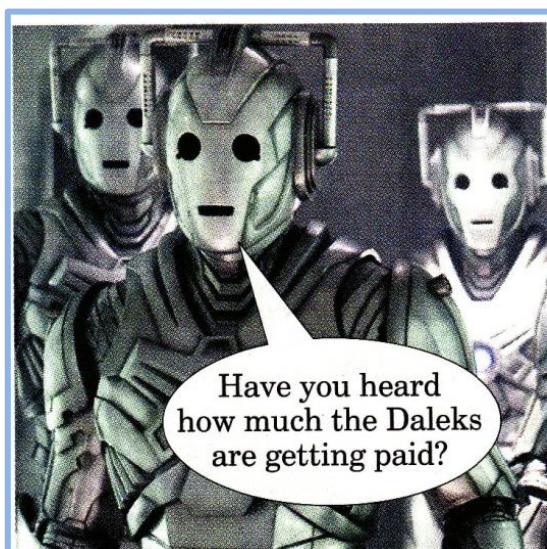


Approximately 500 Tivertonians attended 'Parkfest' held at West Exe Park and enjoyed a fun afternoon of entertainment and music. This festival has been supported over many years by Exe Valley Rotary Club providing marshals, stewards, and some logistical assistance.



It certainly makes you think!

BBC Pay Latest



"Those presenters cost us a fortune. Go inside and watch telly!"



ROTARY CONFERENCE HEADS TO ENGLISH RIVIERA

We are delighted to announce that **registration is now open** for the **2018 Rotary Conference**, which will be held in the stunning seaside resort of Torquay from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th April 2018! With iconic palm trees, beautiful marina, sweeping sandy beach and its fascinating Agatha Christie connections, Torquay sets the perfect location for the Rotary Conference 2018. If you register **before 1st December 2017**, you also receive a fantastic Early Bird discount!

ENTERTAINMENT

As always, there will be a lively programme of entertainment. The weekend kicks off to a fabulous start with the 'Rotary Music night on the Riviera' show which will include performances from the Bridgend Male Choir, the mesmerising Matricks Illusions and The Foursome Jerseys.

We are excited to include a free ticket to the 'Rotary Music on the Riviera' night with every paying **full weekend registration**!

The conference entertainment comes to a head on Saturday night with fun and frolics at an indoor themed beach party with live music from one of the UK's top party bands, The A-Listers.



FIRST SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

We already have some truly inspirational speakers lined up, including Director of Polio Eradication at World Health Organization, Michel Zaffran.

You will also be enthused and energised by Paralympian Liz Johnson. Peek behind the scenes of one of Britain's best loved children's shows, when former Blue Peter producer, director and cameraman Alex Leger tells all. BBC's Songs of Praise Pam Rhodes joins us on Sunday morning.



FOUNDATION EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

We are also offering a choice of three different Foundation activities this year to raise money for The Rotary Foundation UK.

Rather than the usual frugal lunch, enjoy a hearty Ploughman's Lunch in the medieval surroundings of Torre Abbey Spanish Barn or book a tour of the magical Kents Cavern Caves followed by a Devonshire Cream tea.

We will also be tackling some current issues with workshops on topics such as Dementia, Computer Fraud and Rotary membership.



EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

To get you in the mood, check out of [Torquay Conference teaser video](#)!

Full details of prices, functions, venue and accommodation can be found on the [Rotary website](#). Places are limited, so be sure to [register](#) quickly to avoid disappointment. If you register **before 1st December 2017**, you also receive a fantastic Early Bird discount!

So book now and join Rotary in the Riviera!

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the [Conference team](#).



WELCOME TO 2017/18!

Today marks the start of another Rotary year, one which we're sure will be another year of members like you transforming communities at home and abroad one project at a time. Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland is welcoming Denis Spiller as President for 2017/18 and he has recorded a [New Year video message](#) for all Rotary members, looking at some of the highlights for the year ahead!

MEET THE NEW RI PRESIDENT

The 2017/18 Rotary International President is Ian Riseley, a member of Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia.

Earlier this year, [Rotary magazine spoke](#) to Ian about his Rotary journey and tackled the hot topics of on attracting new members, building strong clubs and forming friendships that last.



THANK YOU FROM EVE CONWAY

Outgoing Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President Eve Conway would like to thank Rotarians in Britain and Ireland for your tremendous work during the Rotary year 2016/17, making a difference to the local, national and international community. Eve says: "I have been inspired by all of you this past Rotary year and am proud to have been your President." "Thank you also for your fantastic support of the Rotary Purple4Polio campaign. This has had great results, including an increase in giving across Great Britain and Ireland to End Polio Now and approximately 900 media reports in print, online and in the broadcast media about our campaign." "Together we planted seven million purple crocus corms, involving our partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. Our Purple4Polio celebrity Ambassadors as well as Typhoo Tea and Wilkin and Sons Ltd (Tiptree Jam) also got involved in this campaign." "There are some exciting activities ahead for our Rotary Purple4Polio campaign, including a target to plant 10 million purple crocus corms. So watch this space!" Eve wishes you all the very best for the coming Rotary year and beyond with Rotary: Making a Difference!



GET SET FOR NEW YEAR WITH BRANDING RESOURCES

A new year and a fresh look! If you haven't already, the start of the new year is the perfect time to familiarise yourself with the Rotary branding and get hold of the correct identifier for your club. The [Rotary website](#) also contains a host of other logos and materials, including the 2017/18 Presidential theme of Rotary: Making a Difference.



BRADFORD PEACE SEMINAR

The Annual Bill Huntley Memorial Peace Seminar will take place at the University of Bradford on Saturday 28th October 2017. The theme for this seminar is 'Paths to Peace'.

The Fellows from the 2016/17 course will be updating the audience on their activities throughout the year and during their Applied Field Experiences as well as inviting them to pose questions.

Nava Ghalili, a journalist and former TV news anchor in the USA who is now active in promoting Human Rights and Youth Development programmes around the world, will be a guest speaker.

There will also be a chance to interact with local, national and Rotary groups who are active in the areas of peace promotion, refugee support and allied topics.

The seminar includes a lunch menu and refreshments during the day.

As usual the celebration dinner will be held the night before on 27th October 2017, at the Midland Hotel and this can be booked at the same time as the seminar.

To book for the seminar and celebration dinner, **click here**.

The Midland Hotel has offered a **discount rate** for Rotarian who wish to book accommodation for the Friday evening. This should be done direct to the hotel by telephone on 01274 735 735 quoting ROT271017.





TREE-MENDOUS CHALLENGE

Dig for environmental victory with new trees this Rotary year.

RI President Ian Riseley is asking Rotarians the world over to help the environment by planting at least one tree each by Earth Day on 22nd April 2018.

Whether it's a sapling or a shrub, your eco efforts will make a real difference.

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President Denis Spiller has secured the support of the Woodland Trust, the UK's largest conservation charity, which is a great source of trees and expert advice. Invite your schools, community groups, local businesses and anyone else you can think of to take part and boost your nearby forests. Planting will take place in November 2017 and March 2018 so it is advisable to get organised now.

Please visit our dedicated [webpage](#) for more details of the challenge and also for

ways you can help without getting your hands dirty.

FIND OUT MORE



LET'S HEAR FOR ROTARIANS

A new campaign called Let's Hear is inviting Rotarians to give hearing MOTs to venues, shops and anywhere else which is frequently visited. This is a joint venture with the RIBI Home Committee and the charity Hearing Link to encourage better hearing for all across these islands.

Hearing systems may be in place but not used properly or in need of attention. Rotarians can help by visiting sites and recording their findings. A step by step guide has been produced by Hearing Link and there is training available. We are also asking Rotary clubs to become the mentors for launching Let's Hear projects across these islands. A number of clubs have already launched such projects in Salisbury, Poynton, Swindon and Fareham. The Let's Hear project is also a good opportunity to recruit a [Rotary](#)

[Community Corps](#) to assist. All in all this is an excellent community development project which can assist in giving service and with possible membership dividends.

Everyone deserves to hear what is going on and we can help venues to do their best to deliver the necessary support for all guests. Please visit [Let's Hear for Rotarians](#) on the Hearing Link website for further information.

FIND OUT MORE



ROTARY RETRO AUTOMOBILE FELLOWSHIP

Explore some of the best roads and scenery in the UK with the Classics Tour of Wales, run by the Rotary Retro Automobile Fellowship (RRAF) – modern classics are accepted! The tour takes place from **11th – 15th September 2017** and places are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment and take part in the drive of a lifetime.

More information about the tour can be found on the [RRAF website](#).

FIND OUT MORE

I've just
been for a
ride on me
new horse

How'd you
get on?



"I still don't think he understands about identity protection"

PROGRAMME for September - October 2017

Wednesday 6th September 2017
Wednesday 13th September 2017
Wednesday 20th September 2017
Wednesday 27th September 2017
Wednesday 4th October 2017

6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting
Visit T. A.O.S. 'Sister Act' at New Hall. PARTNERS' EVENING
Visit Ganges Indian Restaurant. PARTNERS' EVENING. F&F arranging
John Greenslade. 'Farmer John'
6.30pm - Council Meeting. Business Meeting

Duty Rosta

			<u>Grace</u>	<u>Meal Steward</u>	<u>V of T's/Objects</u>
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
Oct	4	Council & Business	Ashfords representative	Viney Mike	Gough, Richard
	11		Freeman John	Webber William.	Pearson Bruce
	18		Phillips John	West Bruce	Fuller Robert
	25		Pugsley Richard	Withers William	Radford John
Nov	1	Council & Business	Barton, Tim	Haig Gavin	Reynolds Fred
	8		Butler Andrew	Harris Andrew	Evans, Bob
	15		Ashfords representative	Heywood Arthur	Radford Ray
	22		Courage Ken	Jenner, David	Rice Robert

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 and confidential have been removed and out of date information has been amended accordingly.

Treasurer's Report – 31st July, 2017

For Business Meeting 2nd August, 2017

£50 for Tiverton Amateur Operatic Society (acknowledged), £50 for Clare's wedding gift (our hostess). Correct Certificate of Insurance finally received. Inventory taken of all materials in the container, including those recently removed from the caravan. 9 subs (20% of the club) still outstanding. Allocated funds Rotary Holidays for Children 2017 – four schools @ £300 each = £1,200 (+ expected £100 / school from RHfCT). Donations made as follows: Tiverton Gateway Club £300 to pay for their transport to Rotaproy – acknowledged with a photo. Hospiscare £100 (Richard Taylor draw) – acknowledgement received.

We still await acknowledgement from Tidcombe School and Castle School.

Uffculme Show: We agreed to buy a canopy from Patch Jobson (£250) and £30 was paid to Rottie Friends on behalf of the dog show (an earlier omission). I still await invoices from VIP Tents (for the two canopies) and MDDC (for the waste bins). I see no reason to chase! I shall publish a draft income and expenditure account shortly.

Minutes of the Rotary Club of Exe Valley 2nd August 2017

President

Announced a request from Uffculme Parish Council for a £1500 contribution towards three picnic benches. Was referred to the Community Services Committee who were asked to report back to Council/club with recommendations. See below under Community Service for forthcoming events he announced. CHAT will be moving premises on 10th October and invite donations (suggesting £250) to defray the cost. Club was reminded it donates to CHAT at Christmas. The request was about to be referred to Council when Rotarian Reynolds pointed out that a two-day stint collecting outside Marks & Spencer's would probably raise £400 and involve very little effort between all club members. He offered to organise that with the proceeds being donated to CHAT. Club thought that was a good idea and approved.

Treasurer

Due to Ken's absence in London, the period for which payment of subs at the reduced rate of £85 applies extended to noon 3rd August. After that, £90. It seemed 9 members had not paid at the date of his pre-circulated report. Correct Certificate of Insurance finally received. Inventory has been taken of all materials in the club's storage container, including those recently removed from the caravan.

Secretary

Andy asked all members to let him know straightaway if their contact details need amending before the printed membership form is prepared. Please check the current details from EVRC members area of the website ("contacts"). He was asked to email the request too, (despite disbelief that any member may fail to read these minutes.) Membership. Bruce will be away for a few weeks on holiday in Australia but envisages renewing our membership drive along the same lines as before. The membership committee met yesterday

Community

One more meeting at the pannier market electric street festival after this weekend. A proposal is under consideration for a "warm clothing donation" scheme in Tiverton on the approach to winter – more later. Tony joined the President in listing forthcoming notable dates for diary summarised here: 18 September Otter Valley are holding a cycle race through our area and asked for help with marshals. Club agreed in principle. Caerphilly Choir event 7th October - now published and advertised. Tickets are on sale. Members are asked to either attend or volunteer as car park marshals on the night. 6/7/8 April 2018 the Torquay Conference - details from RIB I website.

Youth

Anthony, having returned from Kenya with the party of students from Tiverton High school, offered to present a talk on the event later. He reported success and again thanked the Club for the donation which helped make it possible. All had returned safely and had benefited from the experience. He realised he had fulfilled a goal (& his nine-year dream) when the children told him they'd come to the conclusion that *"we are lucky but we don't know it"*. For our Sept this space!

AOB

Some concern was expressed that a unilateral decision to give away club's Caravan rather than trying to sell it – even for a small sum. Chris Shears pointed out that it was structurally sound, had new tyres, could easily be converted back to a touring van, or have other uses that club members could discuss if asked. Even if it only raised a small sum, at least something would be coming back to the Club. Members suggested that it could be auctioned through eBay, sold through Gumtree or used for fund raising with ideas ranging from inclusion within a caravan demolition derby to conversion to a motorcycle trailer unit. Chris offered to coordinate an attempt at selling but declined the Secretary's offer to move the van to his home for safekeeping.

Club decided it was not something they would wish to spend money on to renovate before disposal.

The prize of nominating a charity to receive £100 was won by Rotarian Heywood. Rotarians Nderitu and Courage won the bottles of wine.



NEED A NIGHT OUT!

DON'T MISS OUT ON A VERY ENTERTAINING EVENING LISTENING TO THE:



Caerphilly Male Voice Choir

Established in 1906, this 109-year-old choir is one of the longest running in Wales. Established by its founding Musical Director, Mr Jordan Davies was originally formed to provide funding for equipment at Caerphilly Cricket Club. Mr Davies, who continued as the choir's Musical Director for the next 50 years, kept the choir active, and it went on to support the people of Caerphilly by performing at charitable events both locally and further abroad. Currently the age range of the choir is from 32 to 91 years of age, with some members having seen service for over 50 years. There are currently 31 members in the choir from many different backgrounds

Sat 7th Oct at 7:30pm @ [Tiverton Community Arts Theatre](#), Tiverton. Tickets £12.50

Click on blue fonts above for more information

Read and watch the latest District Magazine which includes video content from across the South West Peninsula: <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=535972&DistrictNo=1175&Mp=519278>

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