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Anyone for Bowls?



With not an Armada in sight and certainly lacking a Drake, a non-competitive game of bowls was enjoyed at the Argyll Bowling Club on a sunny April evening, when we were joined by a few members of Poole Rotary Club.

Particular styles and prowess were shown by SVP Eddie and Gillian and, perhaps due to his farming background, Peter “in the ditch” Hambly.

The evening ended with a convivial meal of Lasagne or Fish & Chips in the Club house.

President's Message



With just a month or so to go to the end of the Club year this will be my last President's message and I just wish to say not only how much of an honour it has been to your President for the year but to thank you for entrusting the role to me. It has been an extremely rewarding and enjoyable year.

This edition of Bay Views contains the full report that I presented to the AGM but I would still like to reiterate my thanks to Club Officers, Service Committee Chairman and every single member for the support and contribution that you have made during the year. Poole Bay is a great Rotary Club which has all the ingredients for fun, fellowship and service.

The year has certainly ended on a high with the annual Toddlethon followed by the President's Night celebrations combined with the visit by members of Rotary Club of Ancenis. Photographs and reports on each of these events appear elsewhere in Bay Views.

The Club can look forward to a great year under Eddie's stewardship and my final thanks go to John Walker for continuing to produce Bay Views over yet another year.

Stewart Greaves, Club President.

Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole District



My year is coming to an end, but still quite busy. In May we entertain carers to a holiday, so I have to take our holiday guest, a local carer, to the Ullswater Hotel in Bournemouth where she will join four other guests from our District to stay for a week. On Thursday 19th May, Rosie Topping is having an "at home day" inviting anyone who would like to join her for coffee and home-made cakes in aid of Victoria School.

Our antiques evening, held on Saturday 23rd April, was very successful and enjoyable; it raised approximately £1400 for Victoria School. Nineteen of us had a very enjoyable day in Romsey last week visiting Andy McIndoe's private garden and Hillier Gardens where we had lunch in Jermyns House.

I have enjoyed my year and now I am looking forward to joining District Inner Wheel as Junior Vice President.

Mary Smith, IWC President.

Ancenis Rotary Club's Visit

Eleven members and wives arrived on the Barfleur at Poole Harbour at 9.45 pm on Friday evening 13th May as foot passengers, with four more joining us at Beaulieu on Saturday morning, having travelled overnight to Portsmouth by car. All were in good spirits, obviously pleased to see us and looking forward to an enjoyable weekend. We were blessed with wonderful weather and on the Saturday morning the New Forest looked beautiful with many ponies, donkeys and even deer being spotted. Thankfully all arrived on time at Beaulieu and for the next few hours we happily strolled around the National Motor Museum, through the gardens to Palace House, via the WW2 Special Operations Executive exhibition and what remains of the Cistercian Abbey. Lunch was in the Brabazon Restaurant where after a few moments organisation we were shepherded into a private dining area, selecting food according to our tastes.

Hosts drove home via various other attractions, to prepare for President's Night at The Kitchen, Poole Park, where we were joined by the majority of Club members and partners, together with many invited friends. The evening was a great success with the Restaurant affording lovely views over the Park towards Poole Harbour, good service and food.



Sunday we again awoke to clear blue skies and after breakfast travelled to Norden Station in readiness for the steam train to Swanage, calling at Corfe and Harmans Cross on the way, all highly evocative and full of nostalgia, evoking memories from our distant youth! Guests and others were collected by their hosts at Swanage Station and having walked through the High Street to the beach, drove to Durlston Castle to be acquainted with the history and timelines of the Jurassic coast and surrounding areas. Probably of more interest were the beautiful views and excellent restaurant, whose staff worked hard to provide all that we asked.

Again we returned home, in readiness for our farewell dinner at the Salterns Hotel Restaurant. Our venue was on the top floor, providing breathtaking views over the yacht harbour, to Brownsea Island and beyond. Following a welcome drink, we again enjoyed excellent company, lovely food and finally watched the arrival of the Barfleur in readiness for the departure of our friends from Ancenis, the following day.



Early on Monday morning with some sadness we bid adieu, had much embracing, fond farewells and watched with mixed emotions as they disappeared from view and onto the Barfleur. A few of us drove to the Sandbanks Ferry and waved yet again, as the Barfleur sailed through the harbour mouth and on to Cherbourg. We were rewarded as all of our friends from France lined the rails and said a final farewell. They and we had had a wonderful time together and will look forward to the next time we meet. My thanks go to all involved, to the Hosts, to David Hudson for his liaison with Gordon Himsworth, the Farewell Dinner and his enthusiasm throughout the planning process and to Alun Williams and Pete Taylor for their valued help.

(Brian Finch, International Chairman)

Club Speakers

1 March 2016: Tesco Evening by Jan Gould

Jan Gould came to speak to the Club about Tesco and her role within the company. In recent years Jan has supported club events providing water for sponsored walks and fruit for our Family Fun Day, in addition she has facilitated us collecting for our charities at her store at Christmas.

Her presentation showed the evolution of Tesco from local small business to national market leading company in record time. She was also able to point to the future as Tesco strives to retain and grow its market share at a time when new low price challengers have entered the market. She also explained how Tesco intends to address our changing shopping habits with many customers choosing to shop more often buying smaller amounts each time. Reducing the proportion of floor space used for selling food is a feature in all major stores and for Tesco non food sales represent a very significant part of the business.

Jan is now a friend to our club who some of us know well, her presentation was informative and interesting and for some the Hot Cross Buns she brought for us to sample were a highlight. We look forward to working with Jan in the future.

(Roger Allen)

5 April 2016: The British Red Cross by Sarah Washington

The Red Cross was founded by the Swiss business man Henri Dunant following the battle of Solferino in 1859. Dunant saw injured and dying combatants of both sides needing comfort and assistance. He persuaded unaligned civilians to give help to friend and foe where ever it was needed. This principal still governs and drives the Red Cross (and Red Crescent) today.

Sarah, who joined the British Red Cross only 8 months ago gave a spirited talk on the structure of the Red Cross and of her work as Community Fund Raiser for Somerset and Dorset. She reminded us that not only do the Red Cross respond to emergency and disasters on a worldwide basis but of their ceaseless and very difficult work in ensuring that the Geneva Convention is upheld in times of conflict and by all the warring factions.

The work of the Red Cross in Britain includes First Aid Training, the support of the Fire and Emergency Services, Health and Social care for people returning home from Hospital and also the Mobility Aid Service in which the Club have played a part. In closing, she outlined her role within the Red Cross as being one to promote and facilitate fund-raising projects for Somerset and Dorset and reminded us that 70% of the money raised goes to providing services with in the UK. (David Hudson)

17th May 2016: John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation by Peter Thornton

John Thornton, a Lieutenant in the Royal Marines, was killed in Helmand Province in March 2008 aged 22. His parents and friends wanted to do something to recognise his achievements and positive spirit. In order to realise his ambition John developed with the support of the Ferndown Schools and local youth organisations. The Trustee saw this as the best route to help other young people realise their full potential. The charity is the result, which is focused on supporting young people in a wide range of youth organisations in Dorset by providing scholarships for their personal development and the pursuit of their ambition. The Charity, which was first formed in 2009, has captured the support of the local community and grown such that in 2015 £71,000.00 was distributed to 184 young people to aid their ambitions to achieve new goals. The success of the charity is the result of John's parents Peter and Linda and their fellow trustees and their desire to help young people in the Dorset area.

(Peter Hambly)

Paul Harris Award



In recognition of his services to the Club and in particular his work in maintaining and towing the Tank Engine Float, Peter Taylor was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award by President Stewart Greaves during President's Night.

Lytchett Minster School Polio Fundraising



Over the course of two days, Melissa Hanger and six others went around the school selling sugar cubes that were donated by Tesco. Wearing polio t-shirts or badges they offered sugar cubes in return for a donation, because polio vaccinations used to be dropped onto sugar cubes. The Club presented a certificate to the school to mark the fact that they raise £175 for Rotary's "End Polio Now" Fund.

Birthdays

Barri Newcomb on 13 June
David Way on 3rd August

Wedding Anniversaries

Peter & Anita Dawes on 2nd July
John & Elizabeth Walker on 2nd July

Programme & Duties

June 2016

7th **Read Easy Poole**
by Carole Richmond
Duties: Don Nutt
5.30 pm Club Council Meeting

8th(Wed) Kids Out at Paulton's Park

14th **Club Assembly**
Duties: Tony Ogg

18/19th Rotary Bike Ride

21st (Tbc.) **Seeds for Development**
by Alison Hall
Duties: Terry Stewart

28th **Handover Evening**
at Chineside, Durley Dene
7.00 for 7.30 pm with Partners

July 2016

5th **Hengistbury Head**
by Richard Hesketh
Duties: Peter Taylor
5.30 pm Club Council Meeting

July 2016 continued

12th **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**
by Tim Fisher & Joanne Madders
Partners invited 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Duties: John Walker

19th **Speaker Tbc.**
Duties: David Way

26th **Jaipur Limbs Africa**
by Don Short
Duties: Alun Williams

August 2016

2nd **Green Island Holiday Trust**
by Derek Radley
Duties: Nigel Wrigley

9th **Desert Island Discs**
by President Eddie Newcomb
Duties: Roger Allen

16th **Business Meeting**
Duties: Bernard Burgess

23rd **5.30 pm Club Council Meeting**

MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Please give apologies for absence to the Registrar, Bernard Burgess, by 11 am on the Monday before the Club Meeting.

With Meeting format changes some duties may not be required, nevertheless Members are reminded that they must find substitutes for their duties when they cannot attend.

Reports from the Club's AGM

The Club's 2015/2016 AGM was held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at the Riviera Hotel.

President's Report:

The Club Committee Leaders have each prepared and submitted exceptionally comprehensive reports on the activities that fall under their respective jurisdictions and these will be published in Bay Views.

I therefore see my report, not as a repeat or précis of all of the activities for which the Committee Leaders have been responsible, but an opportunity to thank the Club Officers and the Club Committee Leaders for their unstinting support, commitment and enthusiasm and to thank and recognise the contribution and part that each and every Club Member has played during the Rotary year.

Rotary provides two significant opportunities, the first for fellowship and fun and the second for Service to others. I believe that in Poole Bay every single member embraces both these opportunities and as a result we have an extremely strong and vibrant group of people that despite our ever increasing years is effective and continues to deliver. Our members have different strengths, interests and talents and our activities and the results of these activities demonstrate how well these are put to use in Poole Bay Rotary for the benefit of others. With the Christmas collections, supermarket collections and Toddlethon our fund raising continues to be strong and allows us to provide support in the local community and overseas.

It was a particular pleasure to have Gerry Clarke transfer into the Club from Ferndown Rotary Club and we welcome both him and his partner Sandra. Some of us enjoyed supporting the Bournemouth Jazz Festival which he was instrumental in organising and hope this event will go from strength to strength and become a fixture on the annual calendar.



Jacqui Dankworth and Charlie Wood with Club members at the Bournemouth Jazz Festival

It is again disappointing this year that we have not been able to attract any new members that have not previously been Rotarians. With a revamped website and greater use of Facebook there had been a hope for more. Although Rotary in Poole continues to be active and a very useful forum, the bringing together, be it more jointly organised ventures or amalgamation, of the three Poole Clubs has not moved forward as quickly as all of us in Poole Bay had hoped.

In April, Rotary International through the Council on Legislation made some radical decisions which will allow clubs' own by-laws to supersede rules as laid down in RI's Manual of Procedure. At long last there is a recognition that the world has and is continuing to change. Perhaps RI have been listening after all! So maybe amendments to our Bylaws will be a job for 2016/17.

At the recent 1110 District Assembly the emphasis was very much on the need for change if younger people – ie. anyone who is 65 and younger! – are to find Rotary appealing. Rotary needs to be able to offer what the younger generations want, not what we think they should be wanting, and that continues to be our challenge as we continue to develop strategies for the future. As Mike Dent said in his excellent presentation our publicity should not be about Rotary and how good we are – we know that already!! But it should be about how others in the community have participated in and supported Rotary. In this way others may then feel included, less remote from Rotary and might eventually wish to be involved more with Rotary and perhaps even become members.

I have deliberately not singled out members by name but I just want to make one exception. When I agreed to be President for 2015/16 little did I know that I would still be travelling overseas on business and that it would be the year in which I married Ellen and so I just wish to say how indebted I am to Eddie for standing in on so many occasions. His wisdom and quiet demeanour has made him a remarkable Vice President and I know he will make an exceptional President next year. He and his wife Barri will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary later in the year and he will also be away on occasions, so please can we all support him just as you have all supported me. Thank you.

Stewart Greaves, Club President 2015/2016

Club Administration Committee Report:

At the beginning of the year President Stewart identified the following as his prime objectives:

Fellowship - Fun - Service to others - Rotary in Poole - Poole Bay Satellite Group.

Whilst the Satellite Group did not develop in the ways hoped, it is pleasing to report that the Club took considerable and positive steps in relation to the other objectives:

1. The Club Programme

- An excellent mixture of interesting speakers and business was achieved in the programme. The Club's thanks are due to Peter Dawes who again carried out the onerous duties of Speakers' Secretary with huge success. Our thanks go too to John Walker who co-ordinated the Club Calendar and regularly conveyed it to members. The Club is also greatly in John's debt for his unstinting work as editor and publisher of Bay Views. The change to one member covering all three duties of Introduction, Visitors' Book and Vote of Thanks worked well. Less successful was the notion of devoting certain meetings to service committees: it became quickly evident that the committee's agendas required meetings at different times.
- All Club meetings were characterised by a good deal of fun and fellowship and this was supplemented by partners' evenings and restaurant evenings: visits to Casa Pepe, the Little Cinema in Westbourne and the Alghero Restaurant were all highly successful whilst an intrepid band of members and partners visited Guernsey in April. Special thanks go to Alun Williams, not only for organising these visits but for his wider responsibilities as Treasurer always undertaken with great efficiency.
- At the time of writing we are awaiting a visit from our partner club of Ancenis and to mark the 30th anniversary of the link, our President's Night is scheduled to take place during the visit of our French colleagues.
- Our 'scatter' meetings included a visit of many members to the Wareham Club.
- The Club's programme and regular meetings would not function as smoothly as they do without the quiet efficiency of Bernard Burgess, our Registrar, not to mention our Resident Quizmaster whenever a gap in the programme appeared.

2. Links with the wider Rotary movement

- The Club played its full part in Group 2, District Council, District Assembly meetings as well as other District events.
- Likewise, we had significant representation at District Conference in Bristol in October 2015 whilst officers of the Club attended the RIBI conference in Bournemouth in April 2016.
- The Club gave particular priority to continuing its drive for closer co-operation with the Poole and Parkstone Clubs in order to strengthen Rotary in Poole. It is fair to say that Poole Bay drove the regular meetings of Rotary in Poole and the Chair of Club Administration acted as the de facto secretary. This led to two tri-club meetings during the year, the first hosted by the Parkstone Club and the second by Poole Bay, both of which were very successful in enabling members to get to know each other better. This took a different form in April when Poole Bay organised a very enjoyable bowls evening when members and partners were joined by members of the Poole Club and partners – the social aspects took clear priority over bowling skills!
- The preference of Poole Bay went further than this: the future of Rotary in Poole was discussed at a number of meetings of the Club Administration Committee, Council and the Club as a whole. The Club took the unanimous view that Rotary in Poole could best be served by the creation of a single club in the town; the President will doubtless refer to this in his report at greater length. Parkstone, however, were clear that they did not wish to give up their separate identity and whilst the officers of the Poole Club were in favour of merging with Poole Bay, a two-thirds majority among their members could not be achieved. Discussions with Poole as to the added value that might be brought about by joint committees are continuing.
- Whilst the Club continued to support the Satellite Group, it has not yet developed, as had been hoped, as a resource for all three Poole clubs, offering an alternative to the present format of the Club and, as such, a way of attracting younger members into Rotary. This is unfinished business and the Club is considering what further steps might now be taken.
- It should be recorded that the Club's entry into Facebook had very positive results and thought is being given to ways in which this could be used further to the advantage of the Club, not least the recruitment of new members.

3. Service to others

Service above self remains at the heart of any Rotary Club. The Committee ensured that its programme gave appropriate weight to this as will be clearly evidenced in the reports of other committees. During the year help has been given to various local and international good causes and our support of helping young people to achieve their potential remains a high priority.

Finally, I thank not only members of the Club Administration Committee but also all members who throughout the year showed unflinching enthusiasm and played their part in making the year so successful. On a personal note, may I express my particular appreciation for all the support given to me by the Club during Stewart's absence and especially during the excellent debates we had over the merger issue.

Eddie Newcomb, President Elect

Community & Vocational Committee Report

The broad objectives agreed by the committee at the beginning of the year included:

- To encourage participation in as many of Rotary's programmes for young people as is practicable
- To continue to develop our long standing association with Lytchett Minster School, our new Community Partner
- To offer service to organisations caring for disadvantaged young people
- To give priority to certain named charities in terms of financial and other support

The Committee was conscious of the limited resources available to the Club and sought to co-operate with/facilitate others to achieve the above objectives, rather than being 'hands on' in every project.

1. Support for young people:

- Organisation of the local Youth Speaks competition in February 2016 (Peter Dawes)
- Support for the Young Musician competition: the Club's sponsorship of the Pyramid Music Competition at Lytchett Minster School and representation at the District finals (Roger Allen)
- Support for the Young Chef competition through Lytchett Minster and substantial representation of the Club at the District finals (Nigel Wrigley)

2. Lytchett Minster School

- The Club strengthened its association with Lytchett Minster School which offers two way benefits (Tony Ogg and Eddie Newcomb) and it is particularly pleasing that the new Head of the School has not only given his personal support to collaboration with Poole Bay but also spoke to the Club about developments in secondary education.
- The Club continued its existing programme of co-operation with the School:
Mock interviews for Year 10 - Youth Speaks and Young Chef - Rotary Shoebox Appeal - The Pyramid Music Competition - Rotary's Polio project - Shelterboxes - Technology Tournament - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- New initiatives under discussion with the School include:
Mock interviews for year 12 students seeking apprenticeships - Contributing careers talks - Encouraging participation in other Rotary initiatives such as Young Photographer
- The Club offered an annual prize for the student who has best served the community and the first award was made in 2015
- It is particularly pleasing to report that at the annual Swimathon Awards Night, that the Head Girl, Melissa Hanger, was presented with the Chairman's Award for outstanding achievement for her work in putting together and managing various teams from the School. The Club marked the School's great success in raising funds for Shelterbox and Rotary's polio campaign by the Senior Vice President presenting certificates to the School.

3. Disadvantaged young people

- A particular priority of the Committee was the plight of young carers. Meetings were held with Maggie Harris of Poole Borough Council who is responsible for matters relating to young carers and with the Chief Executive of MyTime charity which runs a centre at Worth Matravers where young carers can enjoy respite breaks. As a result, the Club was able to provide financial support to both organisations (see below)
- The Club continued its involvement in Kids Out – 20 disadvantaged children and 18 teachers and carers are being taken to Paultons Park this year – and it provided grant support to help Montacute School to buy much needed specialised chairs and tables plus benches with storage underneath (Terry Stewart)
- At Winchelsea School the Club purchased a defibrillator and is currently considering a grant towards an outdoor gym area (Nigel Wrigley).

4. Grants for good causes

- The Committee prioritised charities in the community and vocational areas for financial help (on the basis of fewer but larger amounts targeted on specific needs)
- For young carers £700 was provided to the MyTime charity to improve the environment at the Worth Matravers centre and £300 was provided to Poole Borough to support respite breaks to add to the £200 as a result of the Club's involvement in the Swimathon
- Over £800 went to Montacute School to purchase the outdoor furniture. Nearly £1000 provided the defibrillator for Winchelsea School and a further £500 is under consideration for the outdoor gym area
- £300 has been donated to Action on Hearing Loss to provide 3 screeners for use at Poole Hospital. Some £200 was given to the medical faculty at the University of Southampton through the good offices of the Wessex Medical Trust to purchase an electronic balance to support various research groups.

It will be seen from the above that all members of the Committee played an active role in its work and the Chairman wishes to express his warm thanks to them. Special thanks are also due to our Community Partner, Lytchett Minster School, for their help with a range of our charity activities.

Eddie Newcomb, Community & Vocational Committee Chairman.

International & Foundation Committee

International

We have not in many ways contributed as much as we would have wished, for a variety of reasons, nevertheless the following charities and initiatives have been organised or received our support during the year 2015/2016.

1. District 1110 Shoeboxes

Our Shoebox evening organised by Gillian and ably assisted by Club Members was held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015. Thanks to David Way for provision of boxes from St Luke's, Winton, Tony Ogg for boxes from Lytchett Minster School, Inner Wheel, John Walker for Mrs De Costa, Dimpee for Condor Ferries and many other friends and supporters. Alun for organisation and driving transport and again David W for storing the packing cases, after the evening and prior to onward distribution to the warehouse at Andover and beyond. 352 boxes were sent to Albania, Montenegro and Moldova. We only needed a small supplement from our unrestricted funds on top of the funds received with the shoeboxes.

2. Supported International Organisations

Within our limited budget the following were supported:

Mary's Meals, Seeds for Development, Andean Medical Mission, following a talk to the Club, Jaipur Limbs, we will be having a talk from Don Short in July, Hope and Homes, Basic Education and Literacy in Zambia, with Dennis Meadus as the principal District Coordinator, International Citizens Services work in South Africa with Sam Parkin who raised funds, worked in SA and subsequently talked to us. To Shelterbox, to provide kits of blankets and tarpaulins for Syrian refugees on the border of Syria and Turkey. We also supplied a small quantity of clothing and sleeping bags for distribution to the refugees in Calais. As in past years, Water Aid used the float at Christmas to raise funds.

3. Rotary Club of Ancenis

Members of our twinned club in France the Rotary Club of Ancenis on the Loire together with partners, total fifteen; will be visiting us, next weekend the 13th – 16th May 2016. The visit has been timed to coordinate with our President's Night on Saturday Evening. Other visits will be to the Motor Museum at Beaulieu, Salterns Hotel and restaurant for a farewell dinner, the Swanage Train and Durlston Castle at Swanage. Many thanks to David Hudson for his ongoing contact with the Ancenis Club and Salterns evening, Alun Williams and Pete Taylor for arranging other elements of the weekend and for many members who are hosting and chauffeuring guests, over the weekend.

Foundation

1. Polio Eradication

As in previous years we will fund the majority of our contribution for Polio Eradication from this year's Toddlethon, organised by Gillian and to be held tomorrow, Wednesday 11th May 2016. This year we contributed £1950.00 from last year's Toddlethon. We also received £180.00 from Lytchett Minster School, following their organisation of a "Mock Polio Eradication Day", thanks to Eddie and Tony Ogg for their support. Melissa Hanger Lytchett's prime organiser was presented with a certificate on behalf of the Club. Polio is now endemic in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

2. Foundation Funding

Payment for our giving to the Foundation Trust was provided from our normal £25.00 annual contribution, plus the Christmas collection in lieu of Christmas Cards. Tony Ford kindly donated funds following a sailing trip, won in a raffle won by David Hudson.

Areas of Focus

For both International and Foundation the "Areas of Focus" are:

- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal, Child Health and Alleviation of Hunger
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development
- Peace and Conflict Resolution

Most of the above activities fall within these categories.

Brian Finch, International & Foundation Committee Chairman.

Fundraising Committee Report

The Tank Engine Float.

In order to comply with insurance requirements the float was subjected to an inspection by a competent person. The braking system was inspected and rectified as necessary and brought up to date to comply with current standards with respect to break away braking requirements so that we could continue to use this valuable asset in our fundraising endeavours.

Christmas Street Collection.

Despite the limitation in availability of drivers, the float was once again towed around the streets of Poole in the run-up to Christmas. We received help from 6th form students from Lytchett Minster School, the Rotary Clubs of Poole and Parkstone, the Poole Soroptimists, Water Aid, and Homestart.

Tesco Branksome Supermarket Christmas Collection.

The float was positioned very close to the entrance of the store and provided festive music over a three day period, Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd December. The use of the float created a great feel-good factor for both the customers and those collecting. The total collected by all organisations was £6795.00 and was distributed accordingly.

Easter.

Unfortunately we were unable to arrange a collection at Sainsbury's Talbot Heath Supermarket this year and Tesco Branksome have a policy not to allow charity collections over the Easter Period. The Rotary Awareness Day arranged at Tesco Branksome has been postponed.

Lion's Swimathon 6th – 7th February 2016.

This year Peter Taylor was our representative on the joint committee and attended the planning meetings with the Soroptimists who also help the Poole Lion's with this event. In return for our assistance during the Swimathon weekend the Club are allocated 20% of the total sponsor money for our chosen charity. For the second and final year this money will go to Montacute School for specialised equipment. At the Swimathon Presentation Evening cheques for £2000 each were presented to the charity representatives. Melissa Hanger the Head Girl from Lytchett Minster School received the Chairman's Award for her efforts organising a number of teams from the school to take part in the Swimathon.

Rotary Toddlethon Wednesday 11th May 2015.

To date I have 217 names of children taking part in the Sponsored Toddlethon. We are raising funds for Polio Eradication, Autism Wessex and for a specialised garden swing for the lower school at Montacute School, Poole. We expect the sponsored children to raise in excess of £3000 for these three charities.

Ashley Road Trader's Carnival – Parkstone.

As last year we intend to volunteer as Marshals helping with the car parking for this community event.

Business Partners.

We have two Service Partners and six Community Partners; further Partners are being sought as they help to pay our necessary expenses i.e. maintaining and running the float, Toddlethon expenses etc., the money received from our partners enable us to hand every penny we raise to charity.

Gillian Finch, Fundraising Committee Chairman.

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