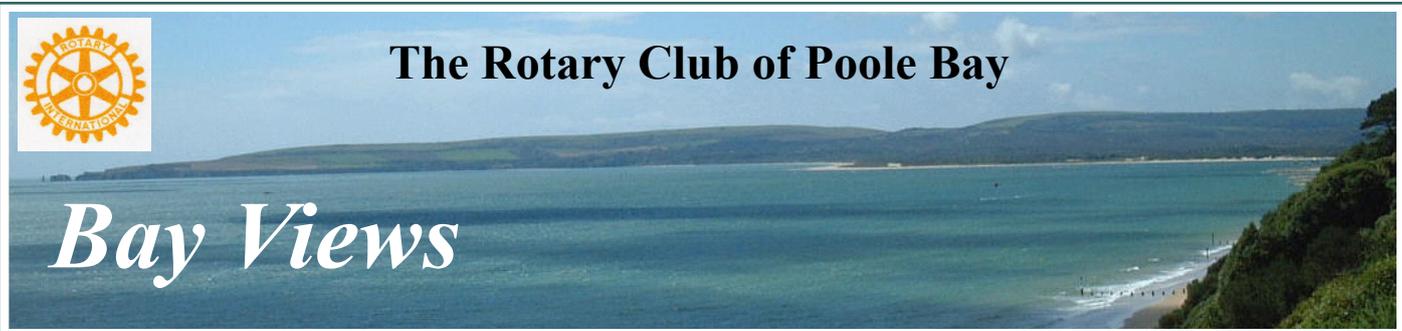




The Rotary Club of Poole Bay



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Many thanks to those who have contributed to this issue.

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Rotary Fellowship



On the evening of Tuesday 10 January, Ellen and I attended the Cape of Good Hope Rotary Club at the St James Retirement Hotel in St James, Kalk Bay, Western Cape. Their President is Peter Gray who in the Capetonian way was extremely laid back! It is a club of about 36, with ladies comprising over half of the membership.

The two course meal was the equivalent of £4.50! Fund Raising was the main topic for the evening and in November 2017, the Club has arranged with a local golf course for teams of Rotarians from Germany to come and play. Clearly the Club also has the support of many non-Rotarians in the community with the result that they work together both on fund raising projects and charity projects.
(Stewart Greaves)

The New Year Meeting

The first Club meeting of 2017 got off to a good start with a Brunch at Compton Acres after a Champagne Reception at Eddie and Barri's home, which is conveniently located a short walk away from the venue. Mid-afternoon, as the meeting drew to a close, the raffle in support of the charity "Routes to Roots" was drawn with many of our newer members being included in the prize winners.

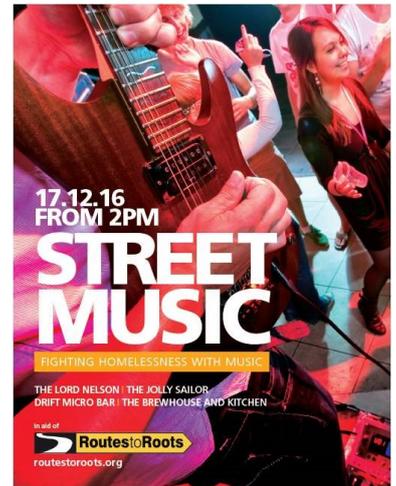


President's Message

Is it too late to wish members, partners and friends of Poole Bay a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year? I do so anyway for these are sentiments close to all our hearts in this uncertain world. And, in any case, the Christmas period is one of the busiest and most satisfying in the Rotary calendar. Our collections with the Christmas float in December raised over £7000, a 5% increase on 2015, despite our using one route fewer. Allowing for this, the increase was around 9%, a wonderful result. About half the sum will be retained by the Club and half will go to other charities which used our float. Congratulations to all involved both in the street and Tesco collections and special thanks to Pete Taylor who did most of the driving and to Kevin Cowland who was a most welcome additional driver. Our Christmas events have a purpose which goes beyond simply collecting money. It is heart warming to see the children waiting in eager anticipation for Santa's train. We have become part of their Christmas.

Congratulations too to all involved in the Business Networking Group's fund raising project for Routes to Roots. An amazing amount over £1700 was collected, an outstanding achievement by our fledgling Thursday section, principally as a result of an evening with the Santa train, a raffle, and a live music event "Street Music" around four pubs in Poole. Routes to Roots was immensely grateful and the charity was able to give the homeless a great Christmas lunch with all the trimmings.

Of course, as a Club, we ourselves celebrated with an excellent pre-Christmas dinner when all present much enjoyed the entertainment provided by our singer, Rachel Moore. On 2 January we had a convivial lunch at Compton Acres preceded for most by a glass or two of champagne at Templewood as a personal thanks from Barri and me for the support members and partners have given during my presidential year (perhaps I should say 'so far'!). Each of these occasions was attended by nearly 40 members and partners from both the Tuesday and Thursday groups, a reminder, if one were needed, that we are a single Club.



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A group of members and partners also attended the Young Chef competition on 6 January at Bournemouth and Poole College (indeed, we were the largest group from any club except for Westbourne who organised the event). The judges were delighted with the high standard and it was a particular pleasure that one of the two entrants from Lytchett Minster, Abbie Brockway, was the runner up. As usual, we had a terrific meal afterwards in the College's Escoffier restaurant.

Finally, the Magnificent Seven! I reported in the last edition of Bay Views that three new members had joined the Club: two through the Business Networking Group and one through the Tuesday Evening Group. Since then I have had the privilege of inducting a further four members to the Club: Dugald Eadie via the Tuesday Group and Joanne Barker, Jonathan Harvard and Kevin Cowland via the Business Networking Group.



We are now a Club of over 30 and this is a great tribute to those involved in the membership development initiatives taken this year. We welcome the new members most warmly and hope that they will have many happy and rewarding years as part of the Rotary family.



Eddie Newcomb, President 2016/17.

Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole District

Shortly before Christmas our overseas coffee morning very successfully raised over £500 for Sreepur Village and we enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the Hermitage Hotel in Bournemouth---although it seems so long ago!

The theme for this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Aldhelm's Church was "Let there be Light". Our tree was decorated with spectacles which the Club collects for "Sightsavers".

Members continue to help the Poole Macular Support Group at their regular meetings.

We are busy with our other charities and committees and hope for your support when we hold the President's Afternoon Tea (with entertainment) on Wednesday March 1st. All proceeds to the Bournemouth Leukaemia Fund.

Finally, Inner Wheel is the largest women's voluntary service organisation in the world and on January 10th we celebrated the 93rd anniversary of our founding.

A Happy New Year from all our members.

Lynda Hambly, IWC President 2016/17.



Rotary Young Chef 2017

Ten of us went along to the Escoffier restaurant to witness the results of the judging at this year's Young Chef Competition and afterwards we also enjoyed a tasty meal prepared by the students at the College.



Our sponsored students Abbie Brockway and Kieron Gibbons from Lytchett Minster School both did very well against the other ten competitors. The chief judge emphasised how difficult the choice had been to select the winner, Kian Johnson from the Leaf Academy.

Abbie won the second prize with her loin of pork with apricots, followed by lemon tart; and Kieron's salmon and asparagus, followed by poached pear and cream also looked very good. Abbie is looking to pursue a career in catering but Kieron hasn't decided yet what he wants to do in life. On this basis they will both do well in whatever they choose and their teacher, Rachel Pugh, is to be congratulated for entering them into the competition.

(Don Nutt)



Club Speakers

22nd November: An introduction to Facebook in Rotary by Malcolm Dent

We have come to expect a high standard of talk from our after meal speakers - the talk on Facebook in Rotary by Malcolm Dent was no exception. His enthusiasm for this media means of publicising Rotary was infectious. He accepted that 'age' was a barrier to 'media' but that it should be no barrier to enthusiasm. He praised the advertising potential of Facebook endlessly and went on to explain how this might be achieved - simply join in the media activities of a large site and then introduce Rotary topics within your contributions. Sounds simple and for Malcolm it would seem to have been a very effective way of increasing Rotary News readership. The use of Facebook is being promoted within our Club and we must hope that it is as effective as Malcolm suggests. Whatever the outcome, his talk was highly amusing and worth hearing. (David Hudson)

29th November: Kingston Lacy by David Richardson

David, a National Trust Volunteer and Christchurch Rotary member, gave us a potted history of the Banks Family locally from the time of their move from Kendal (and the graphite mines that founded their good fortune) to Corfe Castle in the late 1500s through their move to Wimborne House after the civil war and up to the present day. His anecdotes were amusing and illuminated an otherwise quite sad tale of the family and the lead up to their donation of Wimborne House and its collection together with the estate land and its many properties to the nation. This was the largest bequest the National Trust has received. David also took us on an oral wander through the House highlighting key content in the collection along the way, such as the Tintoretto in the attic room, the Vatican Doors in one of the main rooms and one of the earliest plate glass windows in the country overlooking the estate from the house. He succeeded in convincing all but the most ardent of NT visitors present that a further visit is necessary properly to appreciate the scale and scope of the collection; he finished with an earnest plea for more volunteers. (Don Nutt)

6th December: YMCA by Lucy Culkin

YMCA Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch aims to help develop the full potential in mind body and spirit within an environment inspired by Christian principles and values. It works in the following key areas providing the environment, help and support for health and wellbeing, training and education for families and young citizens. It administers the Junction Sports Hall and Swimming Poole and Leisure centre in Branksome that was used by over 3000 people last year for swimming, football, badminton, volleyball and fitness groups. It also operates the 32 bed Sandyholme facility at Studland which hosts group visits and is the base for the Chaplaincy team. It manages the Pokesdown and the Southbourne Children's Centres and the Teddy's Place Day Nursery and Playschool, which have helped families and children who have English as a second language. (Tony Ogg)

17th January: Dorset Advocacy by Julie Moverly

Advocacy, in the context of the talk given by Julie Moverly, is the work of a laudable organisation based in Poundbury which provides help to those members of the community who are less able to help themselves. It was created, under the provisions of the Mental Care Act, more than twenty years ago and now has more than forty workers who act as friends and advisors to those with learning difficulties arising either from heredity or from the ravages of old age. The range of activity of these volunteers is very wide embracing education, employment, finance, accommodation and social mobility and the obstacles confronted by them seem to be almost limitless. Indeed, the whole atmosphere of the presentation left the members present saddened by the aggregate of human suffering about which they were mostly unaware. Happily, it became clear as the talk proceeded that this organisation flourishes and is effective in helping the afflicted to promote their rights and choices. This enables them to enjoy happier lives and play a more fulfilling role in their community. (Bernard Burgess)

Christmas Happenings

Is it an invasion? No, it is the Boscombe & Southbourne Christmas parade!



Out with the float on

the Christmas collection

Pre-Christmas Dinner

Before the Christmas break the Club held its traditional Pre-Christmas Dinner, when turkey is banned from the menu, in the Britannic Suite at the Riviera Hotel and this year welcomed to the event some of the members of the new Business Networking Group within our Club. We all sat down to a good three course meal that was followed by entertainment from a delightful singer, Rachel, who worked hard to get the more reticent Club members to join in with her act.

In thanks for their efforts during the past year, a cheque was presented by President Eddie to our waitress, Serena, and the hotel's Chef.



Business Networking Group Update

As this edition of Bay Views goes to print, we'll be enjoying our eighth breakfast meeting at The Plantation and celebrating the membership approval of Ian Jones, our eight member (including me). Not bad, an average of one new member per meeting since starting in October 2016!

It's been great to see everyone (including the Tuesday Evening Group) working together on our first project – supporting the *Routes to Roots* Winter appeal. We smashed our target of £500 and have raised £1748. Kev and Gemma set up "Street Music", a musical extravaganza of artists who gave their time for free and performed around four pubs in Poole during the afternoon and evening of Saturday 17 December. Various people came to shake buckets and sell raffle tickets. Between all of us we sold £909 worth of tickets, with Jonathan coming in as top salesman with £135.

On Thursday 26 January Chris Price from Dorset Mind came along to talk about their Youth Services project. This fits with one of the Group's themes for this year – supporting young disadvantaged people and those with mental health difficulties – and so may become our second project. (The Tuesday Evening Group has speakers from Dorset Mind booked for April).

In the meantime members of the BNG group have volunteered to help with the float, the Swimathon and mock interviews at Lytchett Minster and St Edward's Schools.

In order to play a full part in the life and workings of the Club, we're looking forward to hearing which of the Club's Service Committees we will be joining

If any of the Tuesday Evening Group would like to come along to one of our fortnightly Thursday morning meetings, you'll be very welcome – just let Jonathan Havard know (our registrar - jonathan@tmpllp.co.uk) in advance so he can book you a breakfast. It's just £5.

(Alun Williams)

Birthdays

Carole Allen on 2nd February
Gemma Varfield on 3rd February
Sue Williams on 4th February
Pauline Burgess on 6th February
Beverley Knijff on 9th February
Kev Boyle on 6th February
Joanne Barker on 17th February
Elizabeth Stewart on 25th February

Hilary Hudson on 27th February
Kevin Cowlard on 11th March
Peter Taylor on 12th March
Peter Hambly on 15th March
Richard Bostock on 22nd March

Wedding Anniversaries

Nigel & Sandy Wrigley on 4th March

Programme & Duties

January 2017

26th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

31st **Brendon Care**
Natasha Haji & Sindy
Duties: David Way
5.15pm Club Council Meeting

February 2017

6th(Mon) Group 2 Meeting

7th **Youth Speaks Competition**
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

9th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am The Plantation

14th **Cinema Evening**
NO MEETING AT HOTEL
Colosseum Cinema, Westbourne Arcade
6.30 for 7.00pm Dinner. Film: "Hail Caesar"

21st **Jafai Kuta (The Gambia)**
by Richard Burnett
Duties: Alun Williams

23th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

28th **Crumbs** by Ursula Boardman
Duties: Nigel Wrigley

March 2017

2nd(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

4th(Sat) District Council, Romsey

7th **Business Meeting**
Duties: Roger Allen
5.30pm Club Council Meeting

10th(Fri) Technology Tournament
11th(Sat) Youth Speaks District Final

14th **Restaurant Evening with Partners**
Isabel's, Station Road, Parkstone
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

16(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

21st **NO MEETING AT HOTEL (see 23rd)**
23rd(Thur) Tri-Club Meeting
Hosts: Parkstone RC at the RNLI

28th **"A Life's Rich Pattern Talk"**
Encounters with Nobility
John Walker
Duties: Bernard Burgess

30th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

April 2017

4th **Dorset Mind Youth Services Project**
Chris Price & Calvin
Duties: Gerry Clarke
5.30pm Club Council Meeting

MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Please give apologies for absence for the **Tuesday evening** meeting 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.