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A Technical Challenge



The Rotary Technology Tournament took place at Parkstone Grammar School on Friday 10th March.

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President's Night

Tuesday 6th June 2017

Bournemouth & Poole College, The Lansdowne, Bournemouth

6.30 for dinner at 7.00 pm

Guests and BNG members £25 per head

Limited parking available on site



President's Message

In the last two editions of Bay Views I have been able to celebrate the induction to the Club of seven new members and indeed later in this piece will acknowledge an eighth. But I must start on a sad note with the death of a longstanding former member of the Club, Wilf Fox. Elsewhere in Bay Views is a tribute to Wilf by David Hudson and it was a sign of the huge respect and affection in which Wilf was held that such a large number of members and partners attended the commemoration ceremony at the Royal Motor Yacht Club which could not have been more beautifully arranged. Our hearts go out to Janet and her family at this time.

On a happier note I was delighted to induct Ian Jones as the eighth new member of the Club. This was a particular personal pleasure in that Ian's career is in higher education. As Head of Community Relations at Bournemouth University, Ian will bring a vast range of relevant experience and networks to the Club. We welcome Ian to membership very warmly and hope that he will find his membership fruitful and rewarding.



Ian has joined us via the Business Networking Group and I pay tribute to the vibrant and lively way in which the Group is developing.

The Club is now seeking to establish ways in which our two sections can integrate: a further step has been taken in that the BNG is now represented on the Club Council and members have been appointed to Club committees. A meeting of the entire Club is being planned to get to know each other better and to celebrate the burgeoning success of the BNG. This is a hugely exciting time in the history of the Club, a period of transformation which will, I know, be taken forward with enthusiasm by my successor as President, Roger Allen.

Our commitment to service, fun and fellowship continues apace. Since Christmas, we have had the Young Chef Competition (reported in the last Bay Views) and this was followed in February by Youth Speaks. This was a hugely successful occasion which Poole Bay organised at Bournemouth School for Girls on behalf of the Group 2 Rotary Clubs and special thanks are due Peter Dawes on whom the main burden fell. Thank you to the other members of the Club who assisted in various ways to ensure the smooth running of the event. In March came the Technology Tournament, a Rotary in Poole competition which was held this year at Parkstone Grammar School. This proved an excellent venue and the competition itself was highly successful – despite a very difficult task being set in front of the young people. Congratulations to all who participated and grateful thanks to the organisers who included Pete Taylor as Chief Judge and Stewart Greaves. Given our close links with the Schools, it was a particular pleasure to find Lytchett Minster students among those who did well in both competitions. Finally, I want to thank BNG members who helped with the mock interview programmes at Lytchett Minster and St. Edward's School. They brought to the process a different generation and current working experience which was very valuable.

We have not forgotten how to enjoy ourselves in other ways! In February we were grateful to Alun Williams for arranging a meal and cinema evening in Westbourne and in March he was responsible for our partners' evening at Isabel's in Parkstone. We have also been able to combine our community concerns and an evening of fellowship when we enjoyed a meal at Crumbs in Bournemouth, a charity concerned with the training and development of vulnerable young adults, preparing them for the world of work, particularly in the catering trade. I know from the many comments made to me afterwards that members thought this was a very worthwhile occasion and one which might be repeated. Coming up fast on the rails is a planned vineyard visit and on 6 June President's Night at the Escoffier Restaurant. It is difficult to believe that by then my year as President will be drawing towards its close. But more of that next time!

Meantime, let us enjoy the lighter evenings and warmer days ahead. Browning was abroad when he wrote: 'Oh to be in England Now that April's there'. Barri and I will be spending much of that month with our family in Australia so those words will have a particular resonance for us this year. We shall be thinking of you all.....perhaps!

Eddie Newcomb, President 2016/17.

Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole District

The President's tea party for my charity on March 1st was a great success and all seemed to enjoy the food and music. A substantial amount was raised for the Bournemouth Leukaemia Fund.

We have finalised our holiday guest for the Carers Holiday Scheme and all progresses smoothly. Our social committee is busy with coffee mornings, walks, lunches and films at the Lighthouse Theatre. Also regular meetings of the Book Club and Sunday meetings for lone ladies. Our District Rally in Winchester is later in the month and Conference will be held in Nottingham in early April.

We could attend activities almost every day if we wished!

Yours in friendship,
Lynda Hambly, IWC President 2016/17.

Rotary Technology Tournament

On 10 March the 2017 the 7th Rotary Technology Tournament was held at Parkstone Grammar School on Sopers Lane, Poole. Organised as a 'Rotary in Poole' event by Poole Bay, Parkstone and Poole Rotary Clubs, the task this year was to design, construct and test an electrically powered vehicle that would travel along a 2m 'pipeline' and clear debris.

Sixty eight students from six local schools, including one from Swanage, and the Bournemouth and Poole College participated. The competitions is divided into three levels and there were 43 key stage 3 students in the Foundation Level, 12 key stage 4 students in the intermediate and 13 key stage 5 students at advanced level.

The teams are mixed in order to encourage the students who have never met before to work together. The Rotary Trophy for the Foundation task was presented by Staff Sergeant Gus Goodall to Swanage School and Parkstone Grammar School, the Westover Trophy for the Intermediate task by Pete Walker of Westover Group to Lytchett Minster School and St Aldhelms Academy and the Parkeon Trophy at Advanced level by Simon Blake of Parkeon Transportation to Poole Grammar School and Bournemouth and Poole College. Each prize winner received a £25 Amazon gift card.



The event was sponsored by Aerotek Engineering and Rotary in Poole with Humphries Kirk LLP assisting with printing and Marden Edwards with the manufacture of the pipeline test rigs.

Cobham Engineering provided a flight simulator that was manned by apprentices. While the judges deliberated, Staff Sergeant Gus Goodall from REME informed the students about the excellent engineering and technical opportunities in today's army.



The judges were from local businesses, Rotary Business Partners and the three Rotary Clubs.

The Mayor of Poole Cllr. Zena Dion paid a visit and expressed a keen interest in the students' work. She said that *"It is really encouraging to see that Rotary organizes such an interesting event which gives such a great opportunity for students to develop their skills in both practical work and teambuilding in such a key science and technology field"*



Stewart Greaves

Club Speakers

31st January: BrendonCare Foundation by Natasha Haji

Natasha Haji one of the fund raising team gave us a very informative talk on the wide ranging activities of BrendonCare. The Foundation have 10 Care Homes across the South of England from Exeter to Tooting. Some of these provide housing with care enabling partners to live with their loved ones. The Care for life scheme ensures that residents do not need to leave their home if their financial circumstances change.

They also run 85 Clubs across Hampshire and Dorset tackling Loneliness and Depression by providing social activities, costing from as little as £1 a session. Run by volunteers they are a lifeline to the members. In Poole there are 5, Bournemouth has 8, Christchurch 4 and in the wider Dorset area a further 6.

They are currently building a state of the art care home at Otterbourne Hill. It will enable couples to live together with access to all the support and specialist care on site. The cost is in the region of £10 million pounds much of which they hope will come from Trusts. To meet their annual costs they need to raise in the region of £1 million which comes from Trusts, company donations and fund raising activities. The videos shown were very moving and showed the problems associated with caring for the elderly.

All in all an excellent presentation focusing our attention on a different sector of society and one needing more funding following cuts in Government and Local Authority spending.

(David Way)

21st February: Jafai Kuta (The Gambia) & Water by Richard & Sue Burnett

Richard and Sue Burnett spoke about subjects dear to their hearts – helping people in The Gambia and ‘Water is Life’. From the Rotaract team visit in 2009, they came to appreciate the issues around providing fresh, clean water – or perhaps more importantly, how to do this in a sustainable way.

All too often capital projects in developing countries fall into decline once the money flow stops. And this was exactly what had happened to the water pump that had been installed in Misra. However, thanks to a very cunning piece of technology designed by two 16 year olds, this can be avoided in the future through e-water taps. Small plastic tokens can be bought and used to obtain water. The income from these then creates a fund which maintains the facility.

(Alun Williams)



28th March: Encounters with Nobility ~ “A Life’s Rich Pattern Talk” by John Walker

Very few of us have met winners of the coveted Nobel Prize; John Walker, during his career in the pharmaceutical industry in the 1970s and 1980s, met and forged working relationships with no less than five of them. In an absorbing presentation, he told the Club members who they were, what they did and how they fitted into the organisation of ‘The Wellcome Foundation Ltd’. They were all distinguished scientists and every one was a Fellow of the Royal Society.

First, there was A. J. P. Martin (1910-2002) who won the Nobel Prize in 1952 for his development of partition chromatography which is a process used to separate and analyse compounds. He achieved a unique distinction among Nobel laureates of being featured in an episode of ‘The Simpsons’. He was a consultant at Wellcome in the 1970’s.

Secondly, there was Sir John Vane (1927-2004) who was a winner in 1982. He was a Professor of Pharmacology at London University and came to Wellcome as Research Director from 1973 to 1985. He was particularly interested in the working of aspirin in connection with prostaglandins which are found, despite their intimate nomenclature, in all human and animal tissue.

Thirdly, we were introduced to Sir James Black (1924-2010) who received the award in 1988. He was Director of Therapeutic Research at Wellcome from 1978 to 1984. His Nobel Prize was awarded for the development of the beta blocker, propranolol, which was hailed as the greatest treatment for heart ailments since digitalis and cimetidine for the treatment of stomach ulcers. Work undertaken before his period at Wellcome.

Finally, our attention was taken across the Atlantic to hear about George Hitchings (1905-1998) and Gertrude Elion (1918-1999) who shared the 1988 award with Sir James Black. They worked in the Department of Experimental Therapy of Burroughs Wellcome & Co. in North Carolina. They were instrumental in the discovery of drugs to ease a great number of ailments including Allopurinol for gout, Zovirax for Herpes infections and eventually the development of azidothymidine (Retrovir) for the treatment of AIDS.

In preparing this report, I have done rather more biographical and technical research than normal and very enlightening it has been. Those of us that struggled with O-Level Chemistry found the content of this talk somewhat daunting. However, in this late stage of our lives, we have become more and more aware of the drugs and treatments which keep us all going. For the work of these honoured worthies, and the products which they have inspired, we must continue to be grateful.

(Bernard Burgess)

Club Meeting at Crumbs

The Club held its meeting on 28 February at The Crumbs Project at Hibberd Court in Bournemouth. A Charity since 1987, Crumbs was founded by Anne Gardner MBE. It sprang from the need for those in long-stay care to have a structured programme of support to encourage their learning and professional development.



After an excellent meal cooked by one of the trainees, Ursula Boardman, training and development manager, explained that they provided a pre-employment programme of learning to improve skills, confidence, health and employability for post 18 year old vulnerable adults with mixed disabilities. The training is based on Crumbs Worksteps in Catering & Hospitality, Administration and ICT where they learn essential skills from service to delivery and social interaction which equips the trainees with confidence to further their employment prospects.

(John Walker)

Dr Wilfred Norman Fox

(1934 - 2017)

It is sad to report that Wilf Fox, a member of the Club for twenty years died on 12 February 2017.



He joined the Rotary Club of Poole Bay in 1996, retiring in 2016. He was an active and energetic Rotarian holding the offices of Secretary and Treasurer as well as being chairman of the International Committee and Speaker Secretary.

After completing his secondary education in Chesterfield, Wilf went up to Oxford (St Edwards Hall) to study engineering. Some little while later he realized that Engineering was not his future and transferred to Physics. Having completed his degree he joined the Clarendon Research Laboratories and went on to gain an MSc and a PhD.

Following this he worked at Harwell and Winfrith where he was deeply involved with the advances made by the Nuclear Industry in Britain. He was then selected to set up a department to work with the petroleum industry, specifically to monitor the recovery of oil from subsea oilfields.

Wilf married his longtime girlfriend, Janet, in the late 50's, had three children and became a published author (No Hiding from Yesterday) on his 80th birthday.

(David Hudson)

Poole Bay Rotary - Business Networking Group

The Business Networking Group (BNG) started with 3 founder members and in a very short span of time we have grown to 12 members, thanks to the membership committee and everyone's support from Tuesday Evening Group (TEG).

We have been involved in various activities since the start, in collaboration with the TEG. Our campaign of fighting homelessness with street music was very successful. We collected funds at various pubs in Poole while our artists played amazing music; we organized raffle prizes and participated in the Christmas float. Together we raised £1768 for Roots to Roots so they could, amongst other things, provide Christmas lunch and morning breakfast to rough sleepers this winter.

We have also been involved in various activities organised by the TEG and other Rotary Clubs such as supporting mock interviews at the Lychett Minster and St Edward's Schools. As a group we are passionate about supporting youth and education which is a key focus for Poole Bay Rotary. Not only that, three of our members jumped off the Bournemouth Zipwire to support Mytime charity which was organized by one of our BNG members. It was a fantastic event and Joanne raised over £2,000 for Mytime charity.

All BNG members have now been invited to join various committees which is a very exciting time for the club. The BNG chair is now part of council which will help us integrate both groups so we can function together and grow stronger.

We are planning a big social get together between the TEG and BNG members on the 28th March when we are hoping to get to know each other better. After all Rotary is about friendship and fellowship! We are also putting a team in for the Big Pub Quiz on the 20th April, don't worry we are not planning to steal the first prize!

Our future plans are to support existing events planned by the TEG members and also look for a couple of new projects during the remainder of the current Rotary year - whether fundraising or volunteering in the community. At our last meeting we talked about a few ideas like organizing an Indian Culture day (celebrating a few Indian festivals out of many that we have), a tea party for the elderly, adopting a green space for Poole Bay and building a shed for Mytime charity. These are just ideas at the moment and we are hoping to put them to action in the next few months.

Our BNG mission is to grow up to 20 members by the end of this year and run three successful events. We hope TEG members will support us in this mission.

Dimpee Kalita-Smith, Chair, Poole Bay Rotary BNG

Youth Speaks Competition 2017

The Group 2 Youth Speaks competition took place at Bournemouth School for Girls on 7th February 2017. We again had a fairly full turnout with only one of the teams hit at the last minute by illness. However, that team (which was in the Senior competition) reorganised itself twice during the day of the competition with the original Chairperson moving to Speaker and the Vote of Thanks being drawn from the Intermediate team during the competition itself: both gave excellent performances and probably added new meaning to the term "thinking [and speaking] on your feet".

The teams were fairly evenly balanced number-wise with five in the Intermediate competition and seven in the Seniors. We were able to proceed at a sensible pace and both competitions finished well within their expected time frame. The only slight glitch seemed to be that, because the Senior competition was forced to delay its start, the Intermediates had a half-hour start at the refreshments which meant all the biscuits had disappeared by the time the Seniors arrived....one to look out for next year!

After the break for refreshments, the announcement of results and presentation of prizes all happened in good time and most people were able to get away by 8.30 pm (a real concern for the younger students—and their parents). Bournemouth School for Girls won the Intermediates with a talk entitled "We call ourselves civilised but animal cruelty is all around us" whilst the Senior trophy was lifted by Avonbourne College who spoke competently about "Anti-social Network". The two winners now move on to the District Finals in Southampton on 11th March and we wish them every success. Whilst we are meant to be unbiased, it was perhaps pleasing to see that Lychett Minster School this year made the rostrum in both competitions (they were third in each) and hopefully this will give them encouragement that their standard of speaking is at least beginning to put them up amongst the traditional 'big hitters' of the Competition. (Peter Dawes)



Birthdays

Hildegard Slater on 30th March
Gemma Varnfield on 31st March
Lynda Hambly on 21st April
Sandy Wrigley on 20th May

Wedding Anniversaries

David & Hilary Hudson on 2nd April
Dimpee & Duncan Smith on 16th May
Roger & Carole Allen on 25th May

Programme & Duties

April 2017

4th **Dorset Mind Youth Services Project**
by Karen Butters
Duties: Gerry Clarke

6th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

11th **Bowls Evening at Argyll Bowls Club.**
5.30 for 6 pm Bowls. 7.pm Supper

18th **NO MEETING**

20th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

25th **Bournemouth in Bloom**
by Rev. Chris Colledge
Duties: Peter Dawes
5.30 pm Club Council (Tbc)

May 2017

2nd **NO MEETING**

4th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

6th(Sat) District Assembly
8th(Mon) Group 2 Meeting

9th **Annual General Meeting**
To be held at Bournemouth University
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

May 2017 continued

10th(Wed) Toddlethon in Poole Park

16th **Visit to English Oak Vineyard**
6.30 pm Lytchett Matravers
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

18th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

22-26th **New Committees meet during the week**
23rd—**NO MEETING AT THE HOTEL**

30th **NO MEETING**

June 2017

1st(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

6th **President's Night 6.30 pm**
at The Escoffier Restaurant
Bournemouth & Poole College
The Lansdowne, Meyrick Road
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

11-17th Bournemouth Jazz Festival

13th **Club Assembly**
Duties: Dugald Eadie

14th(Wed) Kids Out

15th(Thur) BNG meeting 7.45am, The Plantation

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.