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- helping with our unavoidable costs.

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- involved with our youth projects.

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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this issue.

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Under New Management



After a successful Rotary Year, President Eddie Newcomb passed the Presidential collar to incoming 2017/2018 President, Roger Allen, at the Handover Evening held at the Chineside Restaurant in Durley Chine on Tuesday 27 June.

Stewart Greaves is continuing as Hon. Secretary and John Slater comes in as Hon. Treasurer as Alun Williams moves to chair the Membership Committee. Also Jonathan Havard is taking over from Dimpee as Chair of the Business Networking Group and Gemma Varnfield chairs the Fundraising Committee. Brian Finch and Donn Nutt continue respectively to lead the International/Foundation and the Community/Vocational Committees.

President's Message



I am delighted to write my first President's comments of the Rotary year 2017/18. We have been so busy in recent weeks and months discussing and implementing change and harmonisation of Club affairs that the handover evening came along much more quickly than I expected. Carole and I really enjoyed the evening at Chineside and it was great to see so many members of both groups at the event.

As we have discussed we are a bigger and growing club. Even in the short time since handover I have held an information evening with a future member of the Business Networking Group (BNG), another individual has sought to join Tuesday Evening Group (TEG) and next week I will be inducting another new BNG member. I think all this

will take us to 34 members making our target of 40 look even more achievable. The big challenge for the Club is to reflect increased membership into increased impact both from fundraising and personal service.

I am grateful for all of the contributions made by members during our consultation on change and harmonisation. I know that some members were concerned that we could lose opportunities for fellowship if we changed the pattern of meetings, however having just gone through our diary with Carole, the newly released programme does, I believe, offer at least as many fellowship based events as we ever had and probably more. Club Service have added a number of fellowship focussed events and it would be great if other members/committees could identify available dates and plan events as have Don and his committee with the Holton Lee BBQ.

I really enjoyed the Lytchett Musical Festival and the meal beforehand. It was excellent to see 14 members and partners at what was a splendid if hot event. The overall winner was Sam a very good pianist who, if the District Music Competition goes ahead this year, would be a very good representative of our Club.

I know that some of you have been thinking about the District Conference which is being held at the Aegeus Bowl Southampton on Friday/Saturday 13/14 October. As news of the changes we have made and the increase in our membership spreads, Dimpee has been asked to speak on the Saturday afternoon about the formation of the BNG and the subsequent harmonisation of Club activities. I and I hope many of you will definitely attend on the Saturday to support her and potentially answer questions from other delegates as to how we are getting on. The cost per delegate day is £15.00 and the Conference registration has been open for some time.

Thank you all for your support, encouragement and fellowship I am looking forward to my year as President much more than I did the first time. We have an excellent programme in place and ambitious plans for every committee.

Have a great summer!!

Roger Allen, President 2017/18.

Club Speakers

20th May 2017: Hengistbury Head by Richard Hesketh

Richard Hesketh, Chief Ranger, Community and Countryside Officer for Bournemouth Borough Council at Hengistbury Head, spoke to the Club with much enthusiasm, passion and an obvious desire to excite members with his experience and knowledge of all things great and small, in this lovely part of Dorset. A new Visitor Centre and Wildlife Garden opened in April 2014 where we can explore learn and discover much of Hengistbury Head's 12,000 years history and unique geology, including displays of Stone, Bronze and Iron Age tools. The Head itself comprises, meadow and woodland with a number of quarry ponds established during the 1800's when Iron Stone was excavated, the latter, together with subsequent tips, providing a good habitat for animals.

The open areas are covered with Buttercups, Thrift, Broome and Gorse, which is in flower throughout the year. There are many species of butterflies, including Game-Keeper, Red Admiral and Common Blue, and moths, specifically the six spot Verdi moth, as well as Damsel and Dragon Flies and the Bloody Nosed Beatle. There are over 300 species of birds, including the Mute and Buick Swan, ducks and many domestic and migrating birds. Specific birds include the Juvenile Cormorant, Songthrush, Blackbird, Skylark, Cuckoo and Green Woodpecker.

We learnt that the Songthrush can sing songs from birds coming from abroad that birds copy their song from adults and the male Blackbird sings to attract his mate. There are reptiles, including the Common and Sand Lizard, Slowworms, Grass Snakes and Vipers/Adders with their very distinctive green and yellow markings, also Natter Jack Toads and Frogs. There are many forms of Fungi, including, Parasol Toadstools together with poisonous and non-poisonous mushrooms.

The Visitor Centre has a gift shop, selling much local produce and we are advised to view the wildlife cams for some closeup views of nesting Herons, feeding waders and small mammals. Richard brought with him a small bird mike that could replicate many bird songs including as displayed the songs of the Chaffinch! We are all very welcome to visit and a group visit can easily be arranged.

(Brian Finch)

4th July 2017: Pilgrim Bandits by Mike Witt assisted by Andre Edwards

Mike began by giving us an interesting potted history of his wayward early years; his unconventional but adventurous youth eventually led him to join the Special Forces. He explained that the Pilgrim Bandits was established by a small group of Special Forces veterans in 2007 with the sole aim of using their unique training and experience to help and inspire wounded soldiers to live life to the full. The charity is based in New Milton, Hampshire and uses facilities at Hengisbury Head for training. We were shown a film to illustrate the work of the charity and the activities undertaken by the injured personnel.

The mantra "Always a Little Further" is core to the charity's attitude, whether working with amputee men and women from the services directly or by utilising their experience to inspire and encourage young people and children. Pilgrim Bandits *don't do sympathy*, but offer the rewards of belonging to a team, encouragement, belief and the power of humour over pain.

Their primary aim is to help those in need directly, with no compromise, very soon those that need help become those who give it. By pushing injured men and women into physically and mentally demanding situations that they would not have dreamed possible.... kayaking extraordinary distances, climbing mountains, jumping from aircraft, running races, trekking across inhospitable terrain, self confidence is restored and self-belief instilled. Pilgrim Bandits pushes those who have already endured so much to go beyond endurance, to embrace life again and in so doing to inspire others. Some people view Pilgrim Bandits as a forces charity but it is a *Charitable Force*, bringing support, help and adventure to injured personnel from both the Armed Forces and the Emergency Services.

(Gillian Finch)

The Club Assembly

Club Assembly was held on Tuesday 13 June at The Riviera Hotel.
Assistant Governor Mike Dwyer attended to hear about the Club's plans for the coming Rotary Year.

President Elect's Report

I am extremely proud to have a second opportunity to be the President of Poole Bay Rotary Club and am excited about the coming year and the increased impact I think we can achieve both in Poole and Internationally.

When addressing the AGM in May, I said "...this year is going to be about:

Implementing the changes agreed at the AGM to maintain our attractiveness to new members whilst retaining existing members.

Harmonising our club programme and activities to reflect our new membership position.

Increasing our impact on the local community both through Service and Fundraising.

Continuing to support Polio Eradication and other projects including giving to Rotary Foundation.

Identifying and then supporting vulnerable and needy people in our local community and if possible overseas.

When appropriate working with other clubs in partnership to increase the impact of Rotary.

Enjoying fellowship within the club and having fun!!"

With the exception of the President Elect, we have a strong team in place to take the Club forward, made up of both experienced Rotarians and some of those newer members who are keen to get involved. I am grateful to all members who took part in our recent consultation with the outcomes agreed at the AGM and I hope that all members will see that our new programme devised by Club Administration Committee reflects a whole range of issues raised by members at that time. A wide range of issues were raised but in particular many members felt that we needed to re-invigorate our committees and to better communicate with all members of the Club. To this end the programme now shows a clear strategy to better enable that and to further harmonise our programme reflecting our increased numbers and allowing both TEG and BNG to work together whilst maintaining their own identity.

Fun and Fellowship are at the heart of Rotary and as a result of feedback from members, Club Administration have added a number of fun and or fellowship focussed events to the programme and I would welcome suggestions of further such events from members.

I sincerely hope that, with continued membership growth, we will have a great year marked by fun and fellowship but also with a greater impact on vulnerable and needy people. Whether through increased fundraising, service or projects I think that there has never been a more important time for Rotary and its values to do good in the world.

We really have begun to change our Club under the leadership of President Eddie and I look to build on that in the Rotary year ahead. I wish all members a great year and look forward to working to further build our Club.
(Roger Allen)

Club Administration Committee

The Club Administration Committee met on 24 May at which a programme for the coming 2017/18 Rotary year was presented; this will be discussed by Club Council and circulated to all members in due course. It is based on the new arrangements for meeting on alternate Tuesday evenings at 'The Riviera Hotel' interspersed with those assembling on alternate Thursday mornings at 'The Plantation'.

In examining and approving this programme, which had been ably prepared by Roger Allen and John Walker, the Committee became aware and was able formally to accept its responsibility for all matters of a routine nature in the Club's calendar. Similarly, the needs of the Club for after-dinner speakers and the organisation of social events were also identified and confirmed. Supporting media, in the form of 'Bay Views' and the web site, will be maintained.
(Bernard Burgess)

Membership Committee

Key actions for the coming year

We are proposing 4 key areas of activity:

- Membership growth.
- Membership retention.
- Programme harmonization.
- Continuing to raise the Club's profile.

Membership growth:

We are looking to achieve targets of 20 for BNG (currently 9) and 25 for TEG (currently 22), so a total of 45 for the Club.

We are hoping to achieve this by:

Re-visiting our database of contacts generated by members last year. Follow up TEG contacts via originator, noting move to fortnightly meetings. For all - Invite them to a specific event (including project activities, not just meetings); underline option of trial period for 5/6 weeks, with no obligation, just pay for meals.

Asking our new members to suggest people (as per form developed this year by Gerry).

Approaching local businesses. This to be the new key action for 2017/18.

Membership retention:

Ensure everyone is involved:

All Committees to circulate notes, (suggesting notes rather than exhaustive minutes) (Would the Club like a Dropbox account or password area on website?).

Follow up comments from the recent consultation and make sure all members are involved.

Ensure all Committees meet regularly – at least 4 times per year.

Check everyone has an input re social activities – especially check re BNG preferences.

Programme harmonization:

We implemented Stewart's suggested division of responsibilities between Membership and Club Administration and produced a draft programme based on fortnightly meetings for the year. Note that Quarterly business meetings are split equally (2 each) between BNG and TEG.

The Committee is recommending that email should be the single method of communicating with all Club members as long as people use the blind (bcc) copy facility. The BNG will also communicate via their Facebook Group. Dimpee has offered to input BNG dates as events on Facebook, once agreed at Club Assembly.

Marketing:

Membership should officially be given responsibility for the external marketing of the Club and that any promotional material should be shared with the Committee before use.

Noted concern of some members re current website costs (£200+ per annum). Dimpee developing new site, hosted on WIX, which will cost either £5 or £8 per month, depending on what facilities we require. We will show this to the Club in August just before we switch over.

Noted that website costs & Facebook ads will come from Charity account as from 1 July 2017.

Proposing we increase our Facebook activity, as this reaches a new and different audience based on our community involvement and activities.

Leaflets to be updated and provided as digital versions only.

(Alun Williams)

Community & Vocational Service Committee

We look forward to another ambitious and impactful year. We will do the things we have done before and we will add a dimension with some markedly different projects.

But first two big votes of thanks: One to Terry Stewart for whom “Kids Out” on 14 June will be his last such event and secondly to Tony Ogg whose work alongside Lytchett Minster School has brought us our first Community Partner to such good effect in recent years.

Terry’s work on Youth Speaks and on Rotary “Kids Out” for many years has been very important to us; many local children have cause to give thanks for his contribution.

Tony is handing his role over to Penny Pierpoint (Wicks) who will liaise with the Headmaster and Sixth form pupils. Penny will do this work with Kev Boyle’s assistance, an ex-pupil. We aim for the relationship to grow to the School’s and Club’s mutual satisfaction.

Our objectives for the year are similar to before. We have added the last two below:

Encourage maximum participation in Rotary programmes for young people.

Develop the Club’s association with Lytchett Minster School.

Offer service and financial support to organisations caring for disadvantaged people.

Develop our environmental contribution.

Facilitate a community project on Poole’s Maritime Heritage.

Our regular projects will continue and include the following:

Support for young people: Young Musician, Young Chef, Youth Speaks, Kids Out.
We want, if we can, to generate more enthusiasm amongst local schools for Youth Speaks.

Liaison with Lytchett Minster School 6th Form: First a successful handover of the liaison role from Tony to Penny and then new ambitions for the year ahead in September.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award: We will engage with Lytchett Minster School early and see if we can engage with another potential source of young people too.

Provision of grants for good causes: This will include help for MyTIME (year 3).

Mock Interviews: Maybe add to the contribution we made to Lytchett Minster and St Edwards this year? Thanks to BNG members who have taken this project on.

The planned new projects, for which preparations are well underway are as follows:

Adopt a green space : The hunt (by Richard Lucas) is on to find the right one in Canford Cliffs.

Tea party for elderly folk: October 2017. Help will be needed on the day from drivers to escort elderly people to and from the venue (Dimpee Kalita-Smith).

Working with Holton Lee – Livability would welcome an association with us to help attract more visitors to their estate; especially people with limited mobility (Don Nutt).

“Pirates, Castaways and Codfish” – Poole’s Maritime Heritage in Early Modern Britain.

A bid has been made to Heritage Lottery Fund to support this last project, for help to create and promote public events to share the information on Poole’s Maritime Heritage, in Summer 2018. The project would start in September and take one year. Poole Museum will be partners in the project and Bournemouth University and local schools will also take part.

(Don Nutt)

International and Foundation Service Committee

International

Fundraising:

Much of the funds needed to support our International work will require to be provided by the Club's fundraising activities. However, we also intend to have a BBQ in September 2017, with incoming President Roger Allen kindly offering his garden for this purpose. We will also have a cream tea at our home, summer 2017 and/or late spring 2018.

Rotary Shoeboxes:

The Shoebox Evening will be on Tuesday 31 October 2017. Although of good quality the numbers of shoeboxes are down on past years and therefore we need to identify additional sources of supply, either primary schools or retirement homes.



Overseas Projects:

We have looked at two possible areas of activity as follows:

To link Rotaract with Seeds for Development, currently working in Northern Uganda and to build a small school extension. Alison Hall, Seeds for Development, is to speak with Richard Burnett of RC Westbourne.

Kev Boyle will identify a project when he next visits Rwanda in September 2017, possibly a community centre for a number of uses, including Jaipur Limbs. Organisations potentially involved are; RY-ICO – Rwandan Youth Information Council, Gisimbu Aster School, I Am Able Foundation and Kuri Tumue.

The above will require significant funds from the Club plus District or similar grants.

Other Overseas Charities also to be supported if possible:

Disaster Boxes, Micro Credits, Life Straws, Mary's Meals, Tools for Self Reliance and Seeds for Development.

Rotary Club of Ancenis:

Anticipated timing for our next visit to Ancenis will be mid May 2018, after the Toddlethon. David Hudson is in contact with Gordon Himsworth. The RC Ancenis are growing with many younger members. We look forward to going again next year.

Foundation

Polio Eradication:

Funds for Polio Eradication will come from our Toddlethon. This year we will be giving £1250 following the event in May. The sale of Tiptree Jam will also help support Polio.

Foundation Giving:

Hitherto, the majority of members of the Club gave £25.00 per member. For the year 2017/2018 it is to be left to member's discretion. As the Rotary Foundation is important to the members of the Club and Rotary as a whole, it is hoped that members will continue to give generously. PDG Caroline Millman was invited to talk to the BNG members on 1 June to help clarify details of the Rotary Foundation. Additional funds will be obtained from other sources if required.

Christmas Collection in Lieu of Christmas Cards:

This will be held again this year with the funds going to either Foundation or Mary's Meals, an excellent charity supporting African children and encouraging them to go to school.

International and Foundation Speaker:

A suitable speaker will be identified.

(Brian Finch)

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Fundraising Committee

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Poole Bay Rotary Club members for their service to fundraising not only in this past Rotary year but in the many years which have preceded it. I also thank you all for the warm welcome that both myself and all other BNG members have had since joining this proactive and passionate Club.

The aim from the Fundraising Committee in the approaching Rotary year will be to both continue and enhance projects already established within the Club, as well as introducing some new ideas and events which we can all enjoy and make a huge success.

As well as making ourselves available for various charities and events within our local community, as we have always done, we hope to this year spearhead some new concepts and ideas of our own, in order to further increase the great reputation of Poole Bay Rotary Club.

The Christmas Float:

The 2016 Christmas collection was a great success. With the tank engine having a full restoration this summer and following the success of the collections we made last Christmas, we aim in 2017 for the tank engine to be manned this year 50% by the club and 50% by outside organisations.

With the new addition of Facebook and social media support, the reputation of the float is ever growing and we would like where possible to retain as much fundraising money collected within the Club. The 50/50 split is aimed to be one night on and one night off for 14 nights, with the Club manning the float for a total of 7 nights. Within the Club, this would mean able bodied members of the club would roughly only need to volunteer 2 nights each, with friends and family of the Club also welcomed and perhaps younger members from BNG picking up where older members of the Club may struggle.



Toddlethon:

Having had yet another successful year in 2017, we will continue to offer preschool children the opportunity to take part in this yearly fundraiser at Poole Park. Again, this event will be supported by social media in the hope that parents may bring children along to compete in situations where preschools are unable to commit.



Supermarket Collections:

Christmas supermarket collections will continue as normal and we hope to also include Easter collections for the coming Rotary year.

Lion's Swimathon:

We will continue to support this event as the club has done for many years. Having waived our normal 20% share in takings from this event in 2016 due to Lion's Club centenary, we hope to resume as normal in 2017.

Indian Melee:

For this 2017 event in August, Poole Bay Rotary Club will assist the Indian Melee food event in Poole by supplying volunteers, advice and assistance in the general organisation of an outside event.

For the 2018 event, it has been agreed that Poole Bay Rotary Club will culturally enhance the Indian Melee with the introduction of Holi and Diwali elements to the event, making the event more than just a food festival and enhancing the entire scope of the event. This will mean a percentage of takings will be retained by the Club and Rotary Foundation.

Business Networking Group

BNG group events are usually planned and executed every 3-4 months. As well as raising money and awareness for various local charities and organisations, BNG hope to dedicate an event to the raising of funds and awareness for the Club and Rotary Foundation.

Business Partners

We continue to value our Business Partners with their contributions continuing to help pay for unavoidable Club costs. There will be a push from both BNG and TEG to find additional Business Partners for this coming Rotary year.

(Gemma Varnfield)

Business Networking Group

I feel very privileged to have been asked to Chair the Business Networking Group in its first full year of operation. Taking over from Dimpee, who has got us up and running will be a challenge – but one I'm looking forward to, with her support.

Much of what we will be doing will be an integral to the Club's overall plans, so here's a few things that are more specific to the BNG:

We will be playing our part, working with the Membership Committee, to help increase the Club's overall membership to 45.

The Plantation now has a new function room which will easily accommodate our target membership of 20 - and the 2 planned quarterly business meetings hosted by BNG.

Delighted that all BNG members are now part of the various committees and able to play a full part in shaping and developing the life of the Club.

It's good to see individuals from the BNG taking on and championing Club projects.

It's Important for us that all projects, whomever is leading them, are seen by both groups as Club projects, not BNG or TEG projects.

With a growing membership, we're looking forward to the Club having a greater impact and tackling some new, different, perhaps challenging projects

Key to all of this, we are looking to have FUN over the next 12 months and enjoy being Rotarians.

(Jonathan Havard)

President's Night



This year's event, the thirty third, was held at the Escoffier Restaurant at the Lansdowne campus of Bournemouth & Poole College. Everyone enjoyed a good five course meal, cooked and served by the students as part of their course assessment and music for dining by was supplied by guitarist Duncan Yandall.



During the evening Dimpee was presented with a bouquet as she is standing down after a number of years as Chair of the BNG. Thankfully there was no space or time for dancing this year and speeches were kept short so that diners could depart in their carriages at 9.30 pm allowing the students to get away at a reasonable time.

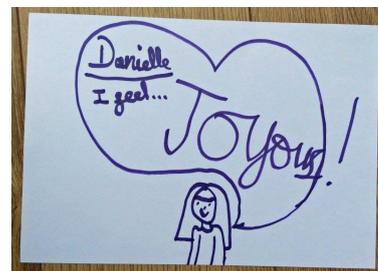
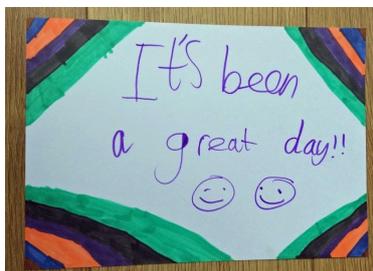
A Sign of Caring



MyTIME's mission is to champion the cause of Young Carers and demonstrate that society values and cares for each individual; by providing a bespoke range of support, education and respite services.



On Thursday 1st June, one of the nicest days so far this year, President Eddie unveiled the new sign for MyTIME that identifies its site at Worth Matravers (an old Radar Station). Over the past two years the Club has donated £700 towards the costs of this signage, sponsoring information flyers and improvement works. There is another year of support for the charity's respite activities in the Club's three-year relationship with MyTIME. Some responses from children who have attended MyTIME are shown below.



Kids Out Success at Adventure Wonderland

We hosted 22 disabled kids and their 18 carers/teachers at this year's Kids Out Event which had been moved from the many years at Paulton's Park to the Adventure Wonderland next to the Airport. This was a good improvement since the location was nearer and thus the kids could spend longer at the Wonderland – which meant that some of them were able to take all the rides. The kids and carers were split into parties and shepherded round by Gillian and Brian Finch, Roger Allen, Eddie Newcomb and me. The rides were not so fast as Paulton's Park so were more appropriate for the kids, most of whom did not have the ability to speak – but they *really* enjoyed the experience. The Wonderland supplied a good pack lunch with fruit and water. I am now appealing for a member to take over Kids Out from next year. (Terry Stewart)

All That Jazz

This year the Jazz by the Sea Festival organised by Gerry Clarke was a larger event spread over not only Bournemouth but Poole as well and was a great success. A number of our members supported Gerry by attending the opening night in Beales, as well as going to the many other venues and on a boat trip to hear different forms of jazz during the week long event from Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th June.



Birthdays in September

Tony Ford on 1st
Brian Finch on 4th
Don Nutt on 10th

Wedding Anniversaries

Peter & Linda Hambly on 16th August
Tony & Pamela Ogg on 3rd September
John & Hildegard Slater on 17th September
Alun & Sue Williams on 19th September

Programme & Duties

JULY 2017

18th **Sailors' Society** by Mark Warner
Tues Duties: Tony Ford

27th **BNG meeting 7.45 am, The Plantation**
Thur

31st(Mon) Group 2 Meeting (evening)

AUGUST 2017

1st **Shelley Musing** by Phil Proctor
Tues Duties: Stewart Greaves

8th **Club Council Meeting**
(Tues) 6.30 pm at President Roger's house

10th **BNG meeting 7.45 am, The Plantation**
Thur

15th **Web Site Presentation** by Dimpee & Alun
Tues Duties: Peter Hambly

22nd(Tues) Club Boules Night (Tba.)

21st-25th **Service Committee Meetings this week**

24th **BNG meeting 7.45 am, The Plantation**
Thur

29th **Quiz Evening**
Tues Duties: Eddie Newcomb

SEPTEMBER 2017

7th **Club's Quarterly Business Meeting**
Thur. 7.45 am at The Plantation

10th Int/Found'n BBQ at President's house.
(Sun) Afternoon event. Partners invited.

12th **"APE" in Finance** by Dugald Eadie
Tues Duties: Don Nutt

17th Rotary Dorset Bike Ride, Wareham
(Sun) Organised by Westbourne RC

18th Restaurant Evening (Tba)
(Mon) Partners invited

19th **Club Council Meeting**
(Tues) 6.30 pm at President Roger's house

21st **BNG meeting 7.45 am, The Plantation**
Thur

26th **Duropolis – Life & Death in Iron Age
Dorset** by Miles Russell
Tues Duties: Tony Ogg

OCTOBER 2017

1st Senior's Tea Party at Links, Broadstone
(Sun)

MEMBERS APOLOGIES

A member who has **included** meal costs in their subscription will need to give their **apologies for absence** to the Registrar by 12 noon on the Monday before a Tuesday evening meeting or by 12 noon on the Wednesday before a Thursday morning meeting.

Members who have **not included** meal costs in their subscriptions will need to inform the Registrar by the above times that they **are attending a meeting**.

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TEG members are reminded that they must find a substitute for their duties when they cannot attend.