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District Governor's visit to Brackley at the Deli on 20 September 2007



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President Adrian welcomes you all to the Rotary Club of Brackley's 34th Charter Night. A special welcome to our honoured guests and we hope that you will enjoy fine food, fine company and convivial conversation. Please take this copy of the bulletin away with you as a memento of the evening.



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- At 12noon on Sunday 14th October 2007 a convoy of five vehicles left Liskeard Fire Station destined for Gjakova, Kosova. The convoy consisted of an ex-Devon & Cornwall Constabulary police vehicle for future use as a paramedic vehicle, an ex-St John

ambulance converted to a doctor's mobile surgery, a Transit van for use as a fire support vehicle, a fully and well equipped fire appliance and a 7.5 ton hire van loaded with medical items and aids for the disabled of Kosova.

The **100th Rotary International Convention** is to be held at the NEC Birmingham. 20,000 delegates from around the world (Rotarians and partners) are expected to register for the event. I attended the previous 'World Convention' in Birmingham in 1984 when I was with my previous club. I went along with scepticism midway through the convention but I was 'bowled over' and regretted missing out on the earlier events. Sandy and I recall the warmth of Rotarians in the House of Friendship and the magnificent final night tattoo. Our club volunteered to host a coach party of overseas Rotarians when we each hosted two couples for tea. (We are still in touch with one couple in the US.) So, based on my 1984 experience, I strongly recommend you put this into your diary system. (RIBI has an initial webpage about the Convention - www.ribi.org/committees/report-details.asp?ribiCtteeRepID=745) Maurice Cole

12/10/2007 [PolioPlus 2007/2008](#) | [Wild Poliovirus Update 10 October](#) - India is the country with the highest number of polio cases but much reduced on the level it was in 2006. Overall the global position is about 40% of the level at the same time last year. Nigeria is showing the greatest percentage of reductions. Meanwhile importations continue into the countries neighbouring the endemic regions but these are being contained. With the upcoming Hajj season the large population movements are a concern and Sudan and Chad are coordinating their responses.

A picture from the archive. This was, I understand, the 1978 Brackley Carnival. Names have been put to some faces but not all. Can someone supply a definitive list?

It has been suggested that we should try and gather together an album of past pictures. These could be displayed on the website and/or retained on disk. If anyone has photographs that could be scanned please let the editor know and we can arrange for the archive to be created.

On a Korean kitchen knife :- Keep out of Children
On a child's superman costume: Wearing this garment does not enable you to fly.



In the year 2007 the Lord came unto Noah, and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and overpopulated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I start unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark. "Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where's the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval and I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it's development of the site, even though in my view it's a temporary structure. We had to then go to appeal to the Minister for a decision.

"Then the Department of Transport demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

"Getting the wood was another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to protect the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals, the RSPCA sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

"Then the County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission on how many BMEs I'm supposed to hire for my building team. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only CSCS accredited workers with Ark-building experience.

"To make matters worse, HM Revenue and Customs seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark. "

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "Looks as if the government beat me to it."

Committee Reports

The Community & Vocational

Tesco 'Trolley' Collection We have been booked in for our normal fund raising event on Friday 30 November and Saturday 1 December. Volunteers for assistance in mainly two-hour sessions between 9.00am and 6.00pm would be much appreciated. A list will circulate at club nights over the next few weeks.

Maurice Cole,



On 17 November 2007 the creator of Morse will be our speaker at a literary dinner to be held at Croughton Village Hall. The evening starts at 7.30 and seats are £30 per head. Please book before 10 November through David Connolly on 01280 702570 or Ian Watson on 01280 700218



Continuing our series of excellent literary dinners the International Committee are pleased to confirm that Garry O'Connor, author of 'Chaucer's Triumph' will be our guest speaker on 8 March 2008.

The Youth Opportunities Committee

Chenderit Mock Interviews - Arrangements are in hand for the interviews on the morning of Wednesday 28th November. We have 178 pupils to interview between 9 am and 1 pm. This breaks down to 15 panels of two interviewers seeing 12 students (approx). This is rather tight on time so I am exploring having a few more panels. I still require additional panellists for this event so if you have not put your name down yet please do so.

Young Musician and Young Photographer - The rules and application forms are now posted on the website for downloading. Thanks to the recent press coverage there have been a number of requests for application forms. If anyone knows of talented youngsters or their teachers who might like to take part please pass them the details. The date and venue for the Young Musician competition has yet to be finalised, however it will be either the last Saturday in January or the first in February. Please keep your diaries clear as we will need a number of stewards and officials to ensure the event runs smoothly. Judging for the Young Photographer will take place in February. Please watch this space for further news and requests for assistance.

Next committee meeting at the Red Lion prior to Club, starting at 7pm on 2nd November
Chris Watts

International

The International committee held a successful tombola on the town piazza raising a total of £153 for Jaipur Limb . This event was so successful it is to be repeated on Saturday 15th of December. Donations of prizes will be gratefully received by Paul Bennett. Assistance on the day will also be gratefully received.

Jimmy Hill - Don't sit on the fence
Terry, what chance do you think
Germany have of getting through?
Terry Venables - I think it is 50-50



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Dates to Remember

Leading contenders in the Husband of the Year Competition



The new youth initiative, **Brackley Community Association**, are holding a tea dance at the Town Hall on 13th November between 12:15 and 1:45. Entry is £5 and includes dance tuition, casual dance and afternoon tea. Proceeds to help provide facilities for the youth of the town. Tickets from Melanie on 07746139113

A Sudoku Challenge from Spain - It took Denis a couple of minutes over the hour to do this puzzle in Spain but it was late in the evening after wining and dining!! He has been told that experienced Soduko puzzle solvers would take less than 30 minutes!! How long will it take you? Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9 with no repetition. Easy peasey!!

- 28 October Canal Walk - Fenny Compton
- Nov YOUTH SPEAKS Organiser, Ron Sawbridge
- 17 Nov LITERARY DINNER in aid of our Romanian project. Colin Dexter
- 28 Nov Chenderit Mock interviews.
- 30 Nov - 1 Dec TESCO Trolley
- 8 Mar 2008 LITERARY DINNER in aid of our Romanian project. Garry O'Connor
- 17 May 2008 PRESIDENT'S LADIES NIGHT



Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle?

Following a week of deprivation at a health spa President Adrian undoes all the hard work in a single sitting at the Deli. Belgian beer, a huge slice of chocolate fudge cake (to die for ladies) whilst the rest of us stuck to fruit salad (honest). The diet coke by the way is for the DG's driver, poor man. We were well looked after at the Deli, the food and service being excellent.

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