



DARWEN ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN



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Club News

Member Les Frankish (pictured far right) was interviewed by Alan Slack on his career and how he came to be living in the East Lancashire area during one of the club's occasional My Job interviews. It was an interesting insight into Les's life and his views on his Rotary membership, which he said he was greatly enjoying.



PolioPlus progress




PolioPlus Update
March/April 2018

Polio Case Count (as of *12 April)

Country	2016	2017	2018 (to date)	Date of last case
Pakistan	20	8	1	8 March 2018
Afghanistan	13	14	7	3 March 2018
Nigeria	4	0	0	21 August 2016
Total	37	22	8	

*In addition to the cases of wild polio virus listed above, there were 96 cases of circulating vaccine derived polio cases in Syria (74) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (22) in 2017 and 3 in DRC in 2018. Please go to <http://www.polioeradication.org/> for the latest details regarding case counts and progress.

Clubs have been circulated with the latest figures for the eradication of polio throughout the world. The grid shows the pattern over the past three years which shows that great progress is being made.

Minutes of the Club AGM Monday, April 9, 2018

- 1. Apologies – Archie Anthony, Allan Cooper, Kathleen Graham, Mark Graham, Angela Proctor, Jason Rothwell, Alec Stuttard.**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM, April 10, 2017 – taken as read - Prop J Jacklin, Secn G Riley.**
- 3. Matters Arising – Nil.**
- 4. President's address - President Tony will give his main address at hand over.**
- 5. Committee Chairman's reports –**
 - (1) International/Foundation – J East, as stand-in chair, had nothing to report.**
 - (2) Vocational/Community - J Jacklin presented his report (see attached).**
 - (3) Club Services - G Riley reported that there had been 13 speakers since the last AGM, this despite the club changing to meeting twice a month.**
 - (4) Membership - J Jacklin presented his report (see attached). He indicated that he wished to stand down as membership chair as he was starting to feel his age. It was noted that membership was the responsibility of every member of the club and not just of the membership chair.**
 - (5) Attendance - A Slack presented his report (see attached). As usual the club's average attendance was high compared to many other clubs. When service projects were included into the formula many members had over 100%.**
 - (6) Sports Officer - G Holden reported (see attached) a modest year for the bowls team finishing third. He had received no information from Church and Oswaldtwistle regarding the current year's bowls competition but would keep members up to date.**
- 6. Treasurer's report including setting subscriptions for 2018/19 – In the absence of the treasurer, John Jacklin indicated that report on the year's finances would be presented to the club at the SGM once the accounts for 2016/17 have been finalised and examined. At the RIBI Business meeting in Torquay the previous Saturday the national capitation was increased to £62 with a further £3 for 2019/20. The proposed district capitation would be £19.50. John reported that the treasurer proposed that club subscriptions for 2018/19 should rise to £90. There were sufficient reserves in the club account to support this.**

John also gave an insight into the various charitable trust funds that are controlled by the club.
- 7. Election of committee chairs - Vocational/Community J Jacklin, International/Foundation Les Frankish, Membership Tony O'Hara.**
- 8. Election of Council Members – Confirmed as president, secretary, immediate past president, president elect, chair of Com/Voc, chair of International, plus Alan Slack.**
- 9. Confirm district delegates (president and secretary) and three substitutes: Immediate past president, president elect, assistant secretary – Secretary to inform district secretary before District Assembly.**
- 10. Election of other officers and club representatives i) Examiners of the accounts – Hindle & Jepson reappointed ii) Education Committee - J Jacklin, A Anthony, G Riley, A Slack.**
- 11. Honorary membership - Alf Atkinson, Don Banks, John Macnamara and Thelma Millington were confirmed as honorary members for the coming year.**
- 12. Any Other Business – Nil.**

Committee reports

Report of the Community and Vocation Committee for the AGM 2018

Rotakids - June 2017 we took 15 children to the conference at Lancaster University and Julia and myself ran one of the seminars on recycling. It was great to hear back from other Rotary clubs that this was the one that the Rotakids enjoyed best.

Unfortunately Holy Trinity School handed their charter back as no one could commit time at the school.

This year the schools seem to have had less time to devote to Rotakids but we hope to reignite their enthusiasm.

We have been to Ashleigh and Sudell to see the presidents' handovers in front of the whole schools. June saw year 6 at Ashleigh become the first school in UK to do the Rochester Bridge building Challenge. We took this to the other four schools before the end of the summer term. We have since done two more year 5 challenges at our Rotakids schools.

The new project will be unveiled by Rotarian Pete Lambson in May.

We have been told another school is interested in joining Rotakids. – Kathleen Graham

Calvert Trust - We have continued to support this initiative and will be sending another candidate to participate in the current year.

RYPEN - This was disappointing this year as the candidates pulled out after it had all been arranged. Fortunately it did not cost the club any money. Next year it is hoped to visit the parents of candidates to explain the difficulties if there are last minute cancellations.

Life Education - We were able to persuade Darwen Council to join the WM & BW Lloyd Charity Trust in subsidising the primary schools in the precept area. This has encouraged them to take part and it is hoped that next year more schools will be involved. Towing remains a problem although to date we have managed.

LEGO Tower - This has continued successfully and we are now only 1,205 bricks short of completion. Thank you to everyone that has helped during the year to man the stall. A conversation has taken place with the Council about the possible siting of the Tower when it is finished but no conclusion has been reached. In April 2016 to April 2018 we have raised over £7,700.

CRY - A grant of £500 to help stage a screening session for Cardiac Risk in the Young was made during the year. The event yet to take place (November 3) is already fully booked.

Rotary Day - A proposed day of celebration of Rotary to be shared with charities and organisations that have benefited from Rotary help was postponed due to the work taking place outside the Darwen Market. It has tentatively been re-programmed for May 11, 2019.

Christmas Dinner - A dinner for persons alone on Christmas Day was organised at the Artisan Cafe. It was a success but unfortunately there were a number of cancellations at the last minute which reduced the numbers attending.

Other Matters - It should be recorded that one of our committee members has been responsible for organising a number of very successful events in front of the market on behalf of the local council. Members' involvement in other organisations and events in the town is one of the best advertisements for Rotary.

Young Musician - We helped out Dawn Smart of the Penrith Club who organised the regional final at Darwen Vale School. We provided the buffet lunch and the drinks.

Report of the Membership Committee to the AGM

During the year January to December 2017 we inducted five new members and one new member to date in 2018.

We continue to seek new younger members to join the club to give it more vim and vigour as we travel deeper into the 21st Century.

The Rotary Day that was to celebrate Rotary and to advertise it to potential new members has been cancelled due to the work outside the market but re-scheduled for May 11, 2019.

Members are encouraged to ask their friends and colleagues if they would like to sample the work that we undertake for the benefit of both our local and wider community by trying associate membership for a period.

Attendance Report to the AGM

Currently we have 20 members, four associate, one prospective associate and four honorary members. Last year at this time we had 20 members, one associate, and three honorary members, so during President Tony's year so far we have gained three associate members and one honorary member, that being John Macnamara, and one prospective associate member.

For the 12 months Rotary year ending June 2017 we had an average of 85% (2016 was 87%). From July 2017 until the end of December 2017 we had a six months average of 85% attendance. This figure was determined from the actual attendances at our evening meetings and taking into account attendances at Lego Tower, Father Christmas and Rotakids. Some members have more than 100% attendance but I have had to keep it at 100 to be realistic. The actual attendance from July to December 2017 was 176 %. (2016 was 145%).

If any members attend other Rotary meetings over and above our normal meetings then that can count for an attendance towards a scatter night or a meeting night where an apology was given, but I need to know.

Thank you all for your co-operation with absence procedures which makes the caterers' job much easier. As a reminder I ring the numbers through to the caterers on a Saturday. If anyone rings up after 10am on a Monday morning to give an apology you will have to pay for that meal. Please don't go over my head and ring the caterers it is not fair on them as they will already be preparing the meals for that evening.

Thanks to Roy Chatburn for standing in while I was on holiday.

Alan Slack, Attendance Officer

Sports officer's report to AGM

The bowls team did not do as well as usual this year. We only won 16 out of 30 games and as a result ended in third place behind Church and Oswaldtwistle and Clitheroe.

I would like to thank those members who played in the games and Beryl, Teresa and Kathleen who provided the suppers for home matches.

I have secured the use of the Everton Street Green for our home games in 2018, in my capacity as chairman of Everton Street Bowls Club, but what happens this year is still in doubt.

Diary Events

May 4: Sportsman's Dinner with Dean Richards at Hundith Hill Hotel, Cockermonth, £35.

May 13: Walk for Your Charity, organised by Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary, 5 or 10km, 9-30am, Red Rose Court, Petre Road, Clayton-le-Moors.

June 10: Ribble Valley Cycle Ride, organised by Rotary clubs of Clitheroe and Accrington. Register on www.ribbonvalleyride.org.

June 23: Ribble Valley Pub Walk organised by Ribblesdale Rotary club in aid of East Lancs Hospice. Contact East Lancs. Hospice.

July 1: District Officers' Handover Garden Party at Sizergh Castle, Kendal.

Life Education events ... (details of all will be circulated nearer time)

May 10: Walking Treasure Hunt, starts Pendle Club, Clitheroe, registration 6.30pm-7pm, £8 including supper.

June 9: Talent contest, St James Church hall, Clitheroe, for children aged 7-11 years.

July/August: Fun day at the Legion, Clitheroe.

September: Wine tasting at the Legion, Clitheroe.

October 5 or 12: Race Night in Darwen.

November 6: La Vespa Italian meal, Clitheroe.

December 4: Christmas Meal, Station Inn, Clitheroe.

Speakers

May 7: Bank Holiday, no meeting

May 14: Mick Croskery of Derian House

May 21: Committee night followed by Council meeting

May 28: Spring Bank Holiday, no meeting

June 4: Club assembly and business meeting

Just Joking

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

A police officer talks to a driver: Your tail light is broken, your tyres must be exchanged and your bumper hangs halfway down. That will be £300.

Driver: Alright, that's great, go ahead. They want twice as much as that at the garage.

Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry.

Why do the French like to eat snails so much? They can't stand fast food.

The Rotary Club of Darwen meets at Darwen Masonic Hall, Hawkshaw Avenue, Darwen, BB3 1QZ, tel: 01254 702594, twice monthly on Mondays at 6pm for 6.30pm. The attendance officer is Alan Slack, tel: 01254 704107. The club was founded in May 1933 and is club number 383 of District 1190 RIBI. RI Club number 19873