



# SENTINEL



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## THE CHAIN IS PASSED ON.....

President Andrew becomes IPP as he hands over the chain of office to Chris. Rumour has it that Chris has yet to actually wear the chain.



At the handover meeting one of Andrew's last acts was to present a PHF to Malcolm. Guy received an extra jewel to his PHF as well.

**Court Reporter**

### Frome Selwood RC

- 26 Active Members
- 8 Ladies, 18 Men
- 5 Honorary Members
- Founded 1990

### THE DANGERS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS?

Following the last Council meeting Yvonne slipped as she left Andrew's house and as a result spent a long night at hospital. Other communications about Yvonne will be more up to date than this.

We all wish her well for a full and speedy recovery.

**F Nightingale**

## BBQ TO KICK OFF THE YEAR

President Chris's first social gathering this Rotary year arranged for the first Sunday in August was a family BBQ held at the Nunney Catch home of Sue & Mike Howells. Our hosts had spent many hours ensuring that the garden was looking at its best and their fine display of Begonias certainly stole the show. Half the Club membership with family members attended and enjoyed the sunny periods; our preparations to protect ourselves from the rain proving unnecessary!

We all brought our own meat/fish to cook on the BBQ so there were no complaints about the cooking, only about the carefully pre-arranged order in which we had access to the fire! In spite of attempts to keep this orderly there were still those who wished to create chaos by jumping the queue - of course you wouldn't believe that there were one or two who pulled rank in order to get their grub sooner? Towards five o'clock there were grumblings from certain Corsley members who were apparently dying of hunger?

John Helliarr arrived with a part-barrel of beer left over from the Corsley Manor Medieval event the night before and sold pints of beer for a small consideration. Some of our ladies made up a grand selection of side salads, far too much for us to finish in one sitting! By a little after six the crowds gathered up their empty plates and chairs, shuffled homeward leaving "The Laurels" and the begonias much as we had found them when we arrived.

A huge vote of thanks to Sue & Mike for making their home available to us all and for providing our welcome Pimms drinks and the gas for the BBQ. Thanks too to Cindy for the loan of plastic plates and to the generosity of those who provided and donated the salads. The small ticket charge and the income from the beer sales donated by John meant that we were able to add £130.00 to the Charity account. President Chris, when asked to suggest a suitable recipient for the monies asked that the choice should be made by Mike Howells whose wish as that it should go to the YMCA Youth Centre in Frome.

**BBQ Mike**

# VALLIS VALE CLEARING

Some hardy members (and muscles) turned out to help clear the Youth Club/ YMCA area at Vallis Way. Some interesting equipment was clearly used!



## JOHN'S SOMME STORY

Our own John Southwell took to the floor to give us a talk about the Somme

It can safely be said that we all learnt something from an excellent thought provoking talk.



*War Correspondent*

## TREASURE HUNT

Jenny and Peter organised an excellent Treasure Hunt around Frome which challenged us all either by the obscurity of some questions or by the preciseness required of the answer!



Some claimed that at the time they were looking some items were covered up... but J&P were having none of it!

Well done to them both.

*Lost Man*

## SPECTACLES POUR IN

The LIONS spectacles collection scheme which we are supporting in Frome is amassing a vast number of specs.

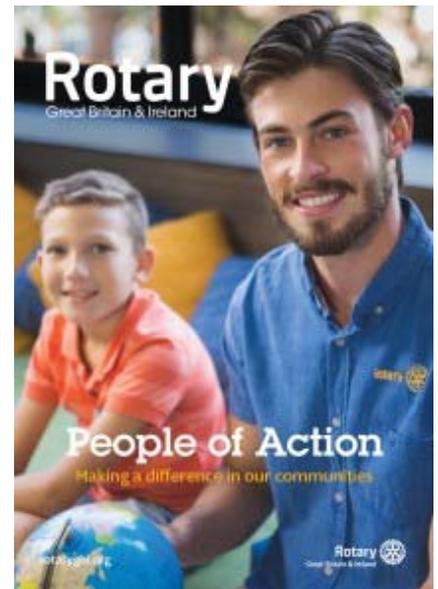


Patrick seems very good at getting his customers to part with their old glasses.

Any club member wishing to dispose of their old specs can give them directly to me if they like.

*Hugh*

# ROTARY OF THE FUTURE?



Cliff Evans of the RC of Devizes visited us to talk about changes in his club.

It was an excellent introduction to discussions that are to be lead by PE Hugh and Membership lead Guy over the coming weeks.

RI has announced a new strap line for Rotary “People of Action” and “Together we” there will be materials to support this issued by RI and RIBI to impress on the public and potential new members what Rotary DOES.

Worldwide last year 158,000 people joined Rotary, but 17,000 people left within a year of joining. It is important that in our quest for new members we get the right new members who value Rotary’s ethos and objects/aims.

**Change Agent**

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## ROTARY MAGAZINE CHANGES

One of the biggest costs facing the bi-monthly publication of *Rotary* is distribution, with plastic-wrapped bundles of the magazine delivered to each club. The cost of this is £75,000 per year.

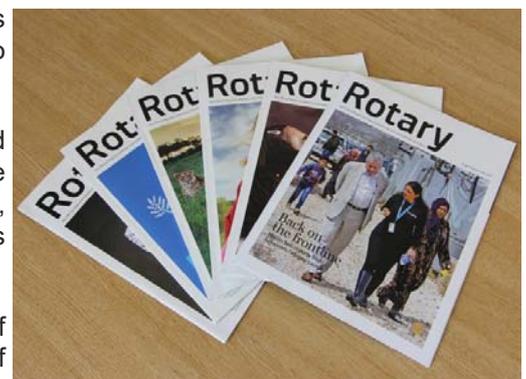
Currently, we print 54,000 copies of *Rotary*, with 48,801 being distributed through the club network of 1,735 clubs. A further 5,000 copies are publicly distributed. With costs and wastage recognised as key factors, and Rotary needing to look carefully at its financial health, the time has come to make radical changes in 2018.

From the February-March issue, you will be able to receive a copy of *Rotary* magazine direct to your door for an annual delivery subscription of £5 for six editions. It is important to remember that members will still receive the digital edition.

We will be printing 30,000 copies of *Rotary* for general public distribution including to airport lounges and hotels across the UK and Ireland.

We will be launching a new Rotary website in 2018. This will be Rotary’s shop window, providing a public facing image of our organisation. The website will be closely aligned with our social media coverage, enabling better engagement with our members and the public than ever before. This will be a two-way conversation since members can drive content with their news, images and videos.

Rotary is moving with the times, embracing digital technology in a way not witnessed before, but not forgetting that *Rotary* magazine remains at the heart of our communication strategy.



**Reprint of RIBI announcement**

## Key Dates

District / RIBI / RI

### District Conference D1200

21st October 2017  
Wells, Somerset.

### RIBI Conference (Torquay)

76h – 8th April 2018

### RI Convention (108th),

23–27 June 2018  
Toronto, Canada

### District 1200 Council / Forum

9th December 2017, Bath & West  
Showground

### District Assembly—6th May 2018

venue TBA

### Some Rotary / Rotary Foundation Facts

Membership (WW) 1.2 M  
in over 34,000 clubs.

## COMING UP SOON..

### The next few meetings

#### Sept

5th Business  
12th Skittles (Royal Oak)  
19th Ian Blair—talk  
26th Forensic Toxicology  
talk

#### October

3rd Committees  
10th Business  
17th Scatter Night/week  
24th Shepton Mallet  
prison visit  
31st 2018/19 Club  
format

*All subject to change!*

Website:

[fromeselwoodrotary.org.uk](http://fromeselwoodrotary.org.uk)

## CARAVANNING WITH SHELTERBOX



Residents near the Frome Show site were worried when they saw travellers arriving and pitching their caravans, Fortunately it was just Rotarian caravaners having a rally. Organised by David Mack and Phil Cary they were in need of some shelter so made use of the ShelterBox gazebo for a donation to the charity.

A win-win situation.

It is understood that the site was left as clean as they found it afterwards.



*SB Man*

## "ROTARY HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE CAMPAIGN TO END POLIO"

Those were the words of International Development Secretary, Priti Patel, speaking after the UK Government's £100 million funding pledge towards the eradication of polio.

The funds will help immunise as many as 45 million children from the disease and continue the push for 2017 to be the year we see the final case of polio.

## FIRE SAFETY

One of our first speakers on the new Rotary year was Ian Humphries, with 30 years in the fire service, mostly in Frome.

Interesting facts emerged: like 70% of all fires are caused by electrical failures!

Subjects ranged from carbon monoxide sensors, to electric blankets, to standby power.

*Firefighter*

## END POLIO NOW

Cases of wild polio virus to date (29th Aug) now stand at 9 in 2017, This compares to 22 by this time last year.

3 in Pakistan, 6 in Afghanistan

The end is getting closer...

## THANKS...

Thanks to Ken Fricker, Mike Hewish, Phil Cary for text or photo contributions this month.

Next issue is 1st

November.

Send your contributions to the editor.

*Editor*

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