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Message from President Edwina

Welcome springtime;



It has been a long hard winter but now we look forward to a bright spring and summer. I can not believe how quickly this year has flown by.

In early March we organised a very successful Senior Citizens Concert, 215 people enjoyed a splendid afternoons entertainment.

Hopefully many members will visit lots of clubs during our scatter month of April.

During May we will host our annual Vintage Car Rally, the committee seem to be well organised for the event.

Arrangements are well underway for our 40th Charter Dinner on 17th June, we are hoping for a big turnout from our members and partners.

Again I thank you all for your support and kindness during my year in office.

Edwina

Student Volunteers Abroad is an organisation set up through the University of Glasgow to encourage and develop student volunteer work. In summer 2010 our club supported one such volunteer, Lucy Orren from Torphins, to undertake 10 weeks voluntary work in Malawi. Lucy recently forwarded on to Ternan Times a very full account of the work of SVA which she was and still is, involved in. Lucy also gave an excellent presentation to our Club recently when she was guest of Alistair Thomson

Club members can read below the main issues raised in Lucy's report.

To all at Banchory-Ternan Rotary Club

I am writing to thank you for your kind support for my volunteering trip to Malawi last summer. In June 2010 I, along with thirteen other Glasgow University volunteers, travelled to the township of Bangwe in southern Malawi for a ten week project to work alongside a local NGO: AYISE (Active Youth Initiative for Social Enhancement).

We were primarily involved in teaching in local schools and orphanages throughout the local township. We taught a number of subjects, including English, Maths, French, Expressive Arts and Social Studies, in four local schools. However, we also worked with two local orphanages, where the children were younger, aged between 2 and 5 years. At the orphanages, we taught the younger children basic English as well as arts and crafts activities and also various games and sporting activities. Furthermore, a portion of our funds raised was donated to one of the local orphanages to support them in the provision of meals for the orphans.

In addition to teaching, we were also involved in running extra-curricular activities for both children and the wider community. We worked alongside a local Youth Centre to organise various sports clubs, including football, netball, basketball, volleyball, tennis and badminton. We worked with local volunteers to encourage sustainable development. Due to the exchange of skills between ourselves and the Malawian volunteers, the clubs still continue to run since our departure in September.

Additionally we organised other extra-curricular activities including drama groups, dance groups and also women's groups, which helped to promote cultural exchange between the volunteers and the people of the community as well as being an educational medium through which development issues could be discussed and tackled.

This year the majority of our fund raised money was used to build two classrooms and an office block with a local orphanage. This was the construction project that was agreed upon by ourselves, the NGO and the local community. The project involved local suppliers, materials and skills and was built by local labourers and volunteers.

We used the remainder of our funds to assist two orphanages to establish income generating projects, which encouraged sustainable development and allowed the local people to help themselves. These took the form of a small chicken farm, a tailoring shop and a water kiosk.

This year, I am one of three project co-ordinators for the SVA Malawi 2011 project. Just before Christmas, we interviewed forty-five applicants for the fifteen places available for this year's volunteers. We selected fifteen great applicants for the 2011 project and currently we are busy fund raising and training for the project in June.

Thank you once again for your support for our work.

Lucy Orren



Lucy and Mary – one of the children at the orphanage



Lucy and a colleague at Steka – one of the local children's homes. Steka takes in street kids from the ages of 1 - 16

Club Members in Dublin

STOP PRESS REPORT RIBI CONFERENCE, DUBLIN

Four of us went to the RIBI Conference in Dublin, and enjoyed the company and the fellowship. On the Friday we avoided the formal dinner and had a much more informal, yet very much more satisfying dinner at a good restaurant. The motivational speeches on the Saturday were mostly good and one or two very good indeed. We all went to the district Dinner on Saturday night followed by listening to an Irish band playing Scottish music! Sunday included Rotary Peace scholars and other speakers. A report of the presentations will be given at a forthcoming meeting.

John K



Ryan, Alistair, Edwina and John enjoy a break at RIBI Dublin

High Quality Entry for Banchory Young Musician Award

Eighteen Banchory Academy students took part in the first round of Rotary's National competition Young Musician of the Year, round one being sponsored by Banchory Rotary and held in Hill of Banchory School on 8th February.

A capacity crowd of friends, relatives and Rotarians enjoyed an exciting and ambitious programme of musical entertainment, compered with wit and musical knowledge by Banchory Academy Depute Rector Graham Bett.

The Judges, Moira Hunter, Nicky Bradford and Andrew Cheyne had an unenviable task, due to the very high standards achieved in both instrumental and vocal performances, but after long deliberations they reached their decision to award pianist Will Loughney 1st place in the Instrumentalist category, for his excellent performance of Rachmaninoff's Melodie in E. The runner-up was Angus Allen, also a pianist who played Andante Espressivo by Mendelssohn. The 1st place from the Vocalist category went to Chris Irvine for a beautifully sung Anthem from Chess by Rice Ulvaeus Andersson and the runner up was Charlotte Culter who sang One Day I'll Fly Away by Armstrong.

President Edwina paid tribute to the high standard achieved by all the performers, their Music teacher accompanists, parents for their support, Hill of Banchory for an excellent venue and also to local Rotarian Ken Lennox and his team for organizing the event



Young Musicians Will and Angus, with Chris and Charlotte

Will and Chris went on to take part in the next stage of the Competition which took place in Strathallan School, Perth in February. Neither of the Banchory contestants successfully moved on to the next round of the competition, but Convener Ken Lennox reported that both boys had a most enjoyable day at Strathallan.

Record Numbers for Seniors' Concert



Paul Anderson in fine fiddling fettle



A section of the Seniors audience who enjoyed the concert

A capacity crowd of 215 appreciative senior citizens from Banchory and surrounding area filled the Scout Hut in March, to enjoy the bi-ennial musical concert organised by our Club. The varied two hour programme included the best of our local talent, with acts by The Lodgers, Banchory Strathspey & Reel, Linda Clark, Brian Bartlett and as has become the custom, completed by Scottish Fiddle virtuoso, Paul Anderson. The event was well supported by Club members and partners led by Rtn Peter McDermott and his team.

In addition to the excellent musical fare, the seniors also enjoyed a mid-programme 'fly-cup' prepared by the ladies. The afternoon sped past and as the audience left the hall there were many appreciative comments made; indeed one old gentleman was heard to remark, "Could we nae hae anither ane, next week?"

Club members out and about at home and abroad



President Keith Williams, RC Epsom, Auckland exchanges banners



John with President of Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Club, San Diego Al Watson.

Club member John Kaighin went travelling to visit relatives in New Zealand during December and January. While he was there he met and exchanged banners with two Presidents, one in New Zealand and on his return journey, one in San Diego, California. Well done John for keeping Banchory-Ternan on the global Rotary map.

Club Visit to Banchory Christian Fellowship Church

Following a kind invitation from Rotarian Jim Cordiner, fourteen Club Members and partners visited the new Banchory Christian Fellowship Church at the end of March. We were made most welcome and after enjoying tea and cakes, Jim gave us a brief history of how this impressive project got underway until its successful conclusion. This was followed by a tour of the building.

The main church hall seats 300 people and there are also bright colour-themed classrooms for the 'Junior Church' Sunday School, whilst the youngest children have a crèche facility, imaginatively decorated and including an outdoor play area. There is also a large games hall and a number of small, quiet lounges and offices and a reception. BCFC is also eco-friendly, with a Bio-mass boiler supporting under floor heating. Rotarians and friends were also welcomed by Pastor of the new church, Dr Stuart Keir and other members of the congregation. At a time when churches are closing all over the country it is refreshing to see such a beautiful and practical church emerging in Banchory. Many thanks to Jim and his fellow BCFC members for such a pleasant visit to the new building.

Ed

My Home on Deeside, 1986 – Group B Primary 6 and 7

Group B – Primary 6 and 7

My Home on Deeside

I was out for a walk, it was a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky. All of a sudden I spotted an immensely bright light in a forest nearby the road. I began to walk towards it, it started to get dimmer as I got nearer. Then I caught a glimpse of someone or something walking about beside what looked like a spacecraft from another world. I walked cautiously over to the entrance of the craft and walked up the steps and into it. Inside was like something out of a science fiction movie.

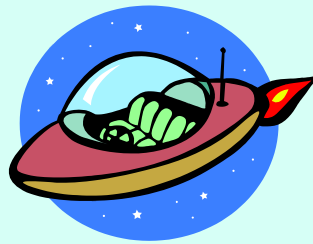
There were lots of little people scurrying about all over the place. Five of the little aliens came over to me and picked me up and took me into a large room with lots of computers and other amazing gadgets. One alien came over to me and asked me where this place was. I told him that it is Royal Deeside and that the village near here is called Drumoak. He asked me if I would show him and his companions around Royal Deeside and I said "Yes". I told him that he would have to take his spaceship because I didn't have a car.

Taking off was an amazing experience because it was just like being in a lift but going ten times faster. First we went to Drum Castle to see the dungeons and the old oak forest. Then we went to see some more castles and ancient monuments. We didn't go to Balmoral because the queen was staying there on a visit. We landed the spaceship in a forest and went hill walking, then salmon fishing. The aliens were quite good at fishing but some of them used their ray guns instead of fishing rods. The spaceship took off again and we went to see a golf course. They thought this was great fun hitting a ball from one end of the course to the other. Then we went to a nice peaceful place beside Crathes Castle and I told them some legends about the Green Lady of Crathes Castle.

Then we played some games until it got too dark to see. I asked them if they wanted to come to my house to have something to eat. They said that they would and we left for my home. When we got to my house we had to eat out in the garden because my house wasn't big enough for all the aliens. We put on all the outside lights so we could see and had a little party. When we had finished eating the aliens said that they had to go home. They wanted me to come with them but I said that I had to stay and look after my house. They said it was a shame that I couldn't come to their planet but they promised to recommend Royal Deeside to all their friends. Then they said goodbye and shot off into the stars.

Richard McIntosh
Drumoak Primary School

(Winner)



Strong Club support for revival of Fellowship Suppers

Club members and partners have shown strong support for PP Geoff's revival of the Quaichs through the revised format of Fellowship Suppers. Geoff reports that all the first round suppers have been completed and round 2 is well underway.

The revival is supported by 25 Club members (almost 50% of the club) and is a really fun way to engage in good Rotary social fellowship, without the necessity of the full dinner party job. It is also good to see the Club Quaichs back in circulation after a lengthy absence.

Ed

From the Archives

There seems little to report from the Club Bulletins of years ago so instead as we enter our 40th year I have looked at the profile of the Club. We have 56 ordinary members and 3 honorary members who have been members of the Club making a grand total of 59.

The service record in our Club of the 56 ordinary members is as follows

More than 35 years	1
More than 30 years	3
More than 25 years	2
More than 20 years	5
More than 15 years	8
More than 10 years	10
More than 5 Years	13
5 years or less	14

The longest serving members of the Club are Forbes Grant and our honorary member Bill Stuart who both joined the Club in 1972. With more than 30 years service we have Len McIntosh, Stewart Wilson and Ian Paterson. It is interesting to note that 25% of the ordinary members of the Club have 5 years or less service which augers well for the future of the Club.

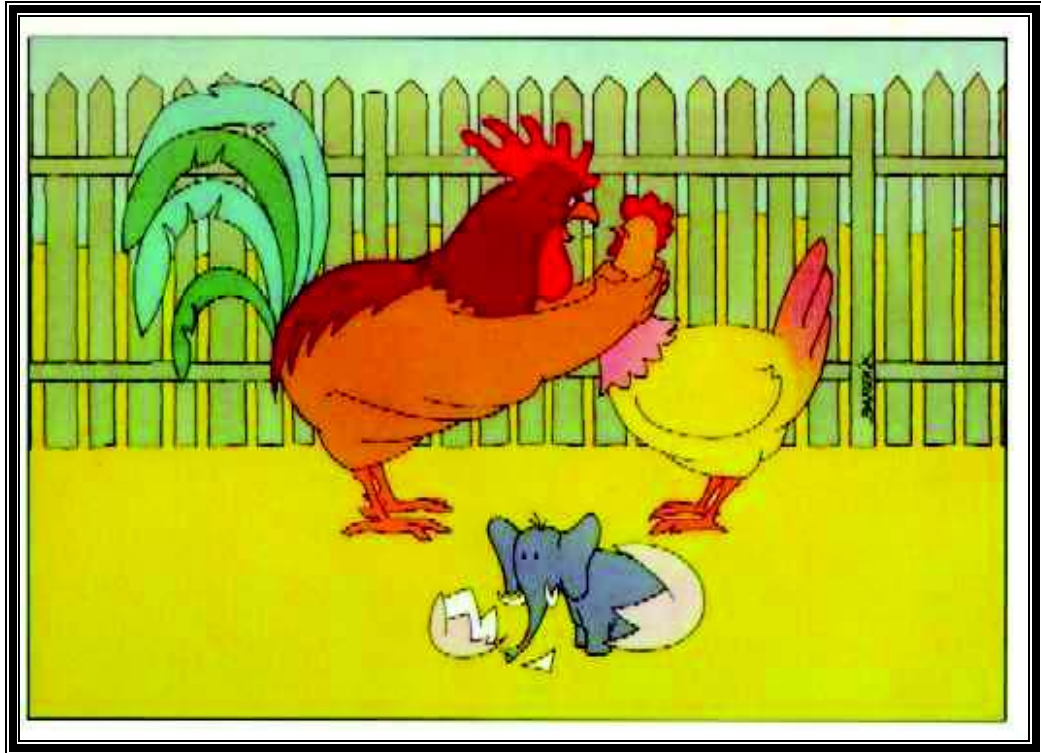
When the Club was founded in June 1971 there were 31 members. The membership of the Club has fluctuated over the years as follows

Rotary Year Total	Membership	Honorary Members previously a member of the Club	
1985/1986	34	1	35
1990/1991	41	1	42
1995/1996	39	1	40
2000/2001	42	2	44
2005/2006	52	5	57
2010/2011	56	3	59

Of the 40 Rotarians who have been Presidents of the Club, 13 have passed on to Higher Service, 6 have left the Club or District and 21 are still members or Honorary Members.

Stewart

And just for a laugh.....



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