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A Fond Farewell

How quickly this last year has gone by. I have had a busy and exciting year culminating in the chairing of our 40th Charter Dinner. What an honour that was. At the same time we entertained our Norwegian friends, which was a great pleasure. I am sure like some of you, I made lots of new friends and look forward to visiting Vestby in two years time.

Over the year I have welcomed many interesting speakers and visitors to the club and hope that you think I was a good ambassador for the club.

None of this could have been possible without all of your support, which I thank you sincerely for. I have enjoyed my year as president so much.

We all look forward to next year with Ryan at the helm and I wish him the best of luck for 2011-2012.

Edwina

Record Numbers at Crathes Rally

A record number of people attended the 2011 Crathes Vintage Car and Motorcycle Rally. The weather was good and despite a high wind, members of the public flocked in to enjoy a spectacular display of Veteran, Vintage and Collectors Cars and Motorcycles. The final total is likely to exceed £8000 with main charity beneficiary, Malaria No More and locally based charities expected to receive good payouts. Rally organiser Richard Bridger paid tribute to the "impressive turnout of vehicles, without which we would have no rally." President Elect Ryan led off the Road Run in his 1931 Austin 7 "Box" Saloon followed by over forty enthusiasts in their vehicles. Former Best in Show winner, George Alpine, returned this year to repeat his former win with his 1967 Mercedes 250 SI Pagoda, collecting the trophy once more from President Edwina. PP George and his team kept everyone fed and watered, while Club member Sandy Macdonald was once more busy with his camera throughout the day and readers can enjoy Sandy's Selection 2011 below.



George Alpine receives Best In Show trophy from Edwina



Ryan learns about an early motorcycle



The ever popular young ladies of the Coutts School of Dancing line up with teacher Rowena Brand



For motoring enthusiasts a great selection of both cars and motor cycles from bygone days was on show



The lads and lasses were kept busy in George's bistro



Rally founder Phil shares a story with some worthies

Outstanding Young Speechmakers Final

Sixty four Rotarians, partners and guests, shared the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan on Wednesday 8th June for the finals of the club's annual Young Speechmakers competition.

Ben Weston from Banchory Primary School opened the finals with a very well researched and delivered speech, entitled The History of Golf. Ben, an enthusiast, had done his home-work on his chosen subject and referred to the early stages of the game itself, as well as the development of club technology, balls, etc. Ben presented a speech which was enjoyed by golfers and non-golfers alike.

The next young speaker from Hill of Banchory School was Ashley Stables whose speech topic was Hearing Loss – My Hearing Loss. Suffering a hearing loss personally, Ashley had researched her topic in great detail and delivered her speech exhibiting great audience contact in a relaxed and yet highly informative style, in which she referred to various charts and technological developments.

The final young speaker for the evening was budding Dentist, Katie Brimmer, also from Banchory Primary School, who entertained her audience with Teeth a well paced informative and amusing speech emphasising the underlying importance of looking after one's teeth and the unfortunate consequences of not doing so.

While the team of three judges retired to make their decisions, the audience was well entertained by a trio of Banchory pupils who have started up their own group called Steel Trapz. The two guitarists Isaac Barnes, Matthew Duff and singer Cameron Wilson, played and sang a selection of very high quality music.

The decision of the judges was 1st Ashley Stables, 2nd Katie Brimmer and 3rd Ben Weston. The prizes were presented by Youth Convener Ken Lennox, who also gave the vote of thanks to the Young Speechmakers, their teachers, parents, the musicians and all who contributed to the success of this most worthwhile annual event.



Young Speechmakers finalists Ben Weston (3rd) Ashley Stables (1st) and Katie Brimmer (2nd)



Steel Trapz group members (l-r) Isaac Barnes, Cameron Wilson and Matthews Duff entertained during judging

Club Member Cycles for Charities

Club member John Ramsay took part and completed this year's Etape Caledonia on Sunday 15th May and in doing so raised £520 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The Etape Caledonia is an 83 mile cycle challenge which takes place on traffic-free roads in the stunning scenery of Highland Perthshire. The annual event is open to individuals between the ages of 18 and 80 and this year 5000 cyclists took part.

John was supported by many of our Club members and when he was canvassing for sponsorship he promised all his supporters that for every £1 of sponsorship he raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, he and a fellow Rotarian would pledge £1 for the Club's main charity for 2011, Malaria No More. Three weeks ago John and fellow Rotarian PP Jim Thomson were as good as their word, when John presented a cheque for £520 to President Edwina for the Malaria No More fund.

Malaria No More is the main charity along with other local charities, which will be the main beneficiaries from this year's Crathes Vintage Car and Motor Cycle Rally started by Honorary Rotarian Phil Taylor many years ago.



John presenting a cheque for £520 for Malaria No More after his successful cycle ride in the Etape Caledonia

Fortieth Charter Celebrations

Friday 17th June 2011 will long be remembered by Club members, guests and friends from our twin club RC Vestby, Norway, as a red letter occasion. In a beautifully decorated setting, courtesy of Raemoir Garden Centre, at The Royal British Legion's Ravenswood venue, almost 200 Rotarians, guests and friends enjoyed a first class evening of good food, good speeches and great fellowship, master-minded by PP Leonard McIntosh and his Charter Committee.

A very good dinner, during which guests were musically entertained by The Banchory Strathspey & Reel Society, was followed by a Roll Call of Clubs (22 from Scotland and 2 from Norway). There followed a number of very high quality speakers who kept to time and maintained a high level of audience interest during a series of well paced speeches. From the Rotary Club of St Fittick (our Mother Club) George Esson, CBE gave the Toast to the Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan and presented President Edwina with a Rotary Bell. The Reply and toast to Rotary International was delivered by PP Stewart Wilson with the Reply from RI coming from John Kenny, Rotary Club of Grangemouth and Rotary International President 2009-10. President Edwina raised a toast to the guests and introduced our party of Rotarians and partners from the Rotary Club of Vestby, Norway, and also from the Rotary Club of Sandnes, Norway, Bjorn Moe, a former Banchory Rotarian and his wife Katya. She also informed the company of the gift of a Rotary Bench from our twin club in the Antipodes, the Rotary Club of Castlemaine, Australia. President of the Rotary Club of Vestby, Paul Lohmann gave a response on behalf of his club, in very good English, before presenting President Edwina with a beautiful hand crafted limited edition glass platter made by leading Norwegian designer Reidar Gjørven, the glasswork 'Evis is', being crafted to look like eternal ice. The Guests' Reply was given in his own inimitable style by Jim Brown, MBE. This was vintage Jim full of funny stories, many in Scots and which everyone enjoyed thoroughly. President Elect Ryan Bond presented the Vote of Thanks to all who had contributed to a highly successful 40th Charter, before the Final Toast was given by Edwina.

PP Leonard and his committee did our Club proud in organising an event which will remain in the memories of all who were privileged to attend, for many years to come.

Finally it is also fitting to pay tribute to and thank those 31 founder members of our Club, led by President David Buist, for their foresight in bringing to fruition The Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan on the occasion of the original Charter on 29th of June in 1971.

40th Charter Gallery



40th Charter Top Table Guests and Speakers from (l-r)

Jim Brown, MBE RC Laurencekirk
Stewart Wilson RC Banchory-Ternan
Elizabeth Wilson
RI President 2009-10 John Kenny,
RC Grangemouth
Edwina Keown
President RC Banchory-Ternan
Mr Denis Keown
Rita Esson
George Esson, CBE RC St Fittick
Mary Berstan
DG 1010 George Berstan RC Turriff

One hundred and ninety six Rotarians, guests and friends filled the Ravenswood suite to join in the celebrations of the 40th Charter Dinner for the Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan on 17th June 2011,



President Edwina with Immediate Past President of RI, John Kenny and President of RC Vestby, Paul Lohmann, pictured at the 40th Charter Dinner.



Kilts and Norwegian national dress on display by the Banchory Norwegian team

Roll of Founder Members
The Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan
29th June 1971

President	David Buist	Local Government Administration
Vice Presidents	Lloyd Durward	Boot & Shoe Retailing
	Alexander Stuart	Church of Scotland
Secretary	Charles McIntosh	Meat Retailing
Treasurer	John (Ian) Geekie	Banking
Other members	Andrew Adam	Drapery Retailing
	Charles Adams	Hairdressing Men's
	Harold Aitken	Veterinary Medicine
	David Bews	Fruit & Vegetable Retail
	Russell Birnie	Estate Management
	Eric Bromfield	Electrical Appliance Retail
	James Burnett	Baking Retail
	James Cursiter	Electrical Supply Service
	Gordon Duncan	Joinery Manufacturing
	William Emslie	General Law Practice
	Robert Flett	Hotels Licensed
	William Forest	Fancy Goods Retailing
	Robert Greig	Police Service
	James Herd	General Medical Practice
	Tom Kirkpatrick	Garage and Service Station
	Larry McKinnon	Associations; British Legion
	Alexander Martin	Painting and Decorating
	Stanley Maxton	Broadcasting/Writing
	James Menzies	Pharmacy
	Robert Milne	Groceries Retailing
	Charles Neish	Farming Dairy
	George Reid	Burgh Surveying
	David Rennie	Broadcasting Service
	Ronald Stephen	Furniture Retailing
	Alexander Urquhart	Insurance General
	George Wilson	Building Construction

Vestby Visitors in Great Form

They came, not in long ships, but in a variety of aircraft and they conquered our hearts; the visitors from Vestby had arrived. During a hectic four days, the exchange visit organised by Club member Colin Sutherland, much was packed into a short time. Our visitors enjoyed a welcome reception at President Edwina's house, golf, a variety of sightseeing trips, a Saturday evening ceillidh and of course the Charter Dinner on Friday.

Throughout the weekend Club members had an enjoyable time making sure that our visitors experienced the very best of what Banchory had to offer. The visitors, in turn, responded with their usual enthusiasm and sense of fun, even when the weather let us down a bit on Saturday.

All too soon it was time to say our goodbyes, with some flying home and others staying on in various places in Scotland for a few more days. The twinning project with Vestby, started off by our own Bob Daan and Vestby's Sverre Tannum, has been an outstanding success embodying all that makes Rotary such a special organisation. If you have not taken part in one of the exchanges, it is certainly worth considering.



A happy group at Thursday evening's welcome reception at President Edwina's house



Golf organisers Bill and Sigrid with the Vestby golfers Trond, Sverre, Terje and Steinar



Bill and Sigrid present golf winner Terje with the trophy



Sverre and Bob at the Saturday night ceilidh



The floor was packed for Strip the Willow

Wedding Bells for David and Linda



David and Linda during the evening reception

Former Club member and Past President David Marquardt and fiancée Linda were married on 28th May in Christ Church, Kincardine O' Neil with a reception at Kincardine House.

A number of Club members enjoyed sharing in the special day of the well known, popular couple. David and Linda have set up home in Elgin recently with David joining the ranks of the city's Rotary Club.

Our Club sends our Best Wishes to the couple for a long and happy marriage.



Prize for the most original caption for Issue 19 competition went to Hon Member PP Bob Davidson whose caption was –
 "That's the last time I am going to allow you to visit the Zoo!",,,,
 A miniature is on its way to Bob.

