

On Saturday 20 March after a hearty breakfast and a brisk 10 minute walk to the Riviera Conference Hall the morning session started with the Mayor of Torbay, Cllr. Gordon Oliver, who delivered an interesting and informative insight into maritime historical background of Torbay and future plans for the area. There followed RI representative Gordon McInally and then Belinda Smith who spoke of her role with the English Riviera National Trust in delivering memorable visitor experiences.

An informative and interesting talk by Gordon Moulds of Kids Out took us to Coffee at 11.00. Reconvening at 11.30 Malcolm Wells of Canine Partners told us of the skills and amazing benefits which their dogs deliver to their seriously disabled owners.

Jennie Bond was the final speaker of the morning, taking us for the full hour, to lunch at 1.00pm and hugely entertaining us with tails of her time as former Royal Correspondent, journalist and participant in television programs.

Ken Bouchard

Saturday Afternoon

Quality speakers continued into the afternoon with Eve Conway (RIBI President) celebrating 100 years of Foundation by concentrating on the successes of the polio campaign. So far this year only 4 cases have been reported. Judith Diment, of End Polio Now, continued on this topic. There are now only 3 reservoir areas left; Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Next Kate Salmon from the MET office gave a fascinating talk on the proof that climate change is incontrovertible. It was good to have our ageing minds challenged by a detailed and well-structured scientific and mathematical proof.

Saturday Night

Back to our hotel for a dose of rugby on TV or a well-earned zizz to recharge our batteries for the next onslaught of delicious food. The illusionist, Sean Alexander, came with the warning not to try these at home - especially not chopping oneself in half and rotating the top half to the horizontal!

John Angood

And Sunday Morning

First of all DG Richard Purdon, welcomed us & thanked us for being so prompt, apart from a few laggards who had overslept or who had gone home early!

Next was Christine Ellison Chair District 10 Inner Wheel. She had only joined 8 years ago, & was an accomplished speaker & very funny too. This was followed by 2 Raconteurs, who were probably a bit dated but made some relevant points, without any particular sense of continuity.

David Bragg spoke on behalf of "Send a Cow". It is a very good charity, as it becomes self-funding. The cow helps them to provide for their own family & then make money as well.

Finally, Royal Naval Captain Jol Woodard was particularly good; he was himself a cadet at the College Sept 1991, & now he was in charge of the whole Dartmouth College, some 15 years later.

Joe Oxspring

Summary:

Like the 'curate's egg' the conference was 'good in parts' with some excellent presentations, especially from Jennie Bond, interspersed with ego trips by senior Rotary members! Nevertheless it was an enjoyable experience, despite some earlier administrative confusion.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE (District 1100)



Lunch at the charity Rugby



Gala Dinner at Conference

Club President
Bob Marchant

**LUNCHTIME
MEETING**
Wednesdays
12.15pm for 12.40pm

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Railway Inn
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**MARCH
2017**

PROGRAMME & MENUS

Wednesday 29 March **11.45 for 12**

Speaker: Team Dementia
Duty Host: Peter Gardner
Menu: Chicken & ham pie/cream caramel

Wednesday 5 April

Speaker: BUSINESS & AGM
Duty Host: Adrian Fletcher
Menu: Melon & palmer ham/Beef Bourignon & creamed potatoes

Wednesday 12 April

Speaker: D Terry (Climate Change)
Duty Host: David Finch
Menu: Hors Doeuvre/Haddock mornay & new potatoes

Wednesday 19 April

Speaker: TBA
Duty Host: Ron Davis
Menu: Baked ham & parsley sauce & chips/Apple crumble & custard

Wednesday 26 April (Evening)

Speaker: "An English Event"
Duty Host: Edward Crowther
Menu: Asparagus/Stuffed chicken breast/Lemon meringue pie

Wednesday 3 May

Speaker: BUSINESS MEETING
Duty Host: Clive Crouch
Menu: Mushroom soup/Trouit genoise & new potatoes

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 7 May: Service in Abbey
(Rotary & Inner Wheel)

Wed 12 May: Charter/President's
night at Eckington Manor
(This may change)

Wed 7 Jun: Club Assembly

Sat 2 Jul: Garden Party and Hand
Over at The Old Vicarage,
Church Lane, Stoulton, WR7 4RE

NOTES FROM COUNCIL MINUTES OF 1 MARCH 2017 (Future Events)

Sri Lankan Event (Sat 25 Mar)
113 tickets sold to date (1 Mar)

Visit to Acorns (Thur. 20 Apr)
JR to organise. Limited to 5 only

Worcester Night (Thur. 20 Apr)
Eight of our club members are attending

Carnival (Sun 28 May)

Tombola

Kit C is organising

Interact

Have decided to process on decorated float and run a stall

River Festival (Sat 15 Jul)

An Information Booth

We are to man hopefully with the assistance of the Twilight Club "Wheelyboat" (whatever that is!) is being operated independently by Richard Williams / Bob Marchant

Non Weekend Away (26-28 Sep)

15 rooms allocated are fully booked

Twilight Club Report

Summer Ball (1 Sep)

Bigger & better this year. Tickets on sale from mid March

Quiz Night (23 Jun)

Informal at Pershore Brewery!

Funds

£1,500 to Riverside Youth Centre
£1,000 to Pershore Volunteer Centre

NOTES FROM COUNCIL MINUTES OF 1 MARCH 2017 (Past Events)

PHS Quiz Night

Our team were appreciated for their attendance! A profit of £1751 was made.

Assistant DG Hilary's Visit

She was most impressed by the fellowship experienced during her recent visit.

RUGBY

Sunday 5th March
Sixways



WORCESTER
WARRIORS



BRISTOL RUGBY

Worcester Warriors

VS

BRISTOL RUGBY

The sun shone on our efforts fund raising at the Rugby match of Worcester Warriors vs Bristol on Sunday 5th March.

After a rainy start to the day we were relieved when the sun came out while we enjoyed our Shepherd's Pie lunch so by the time we had sunk a couple of jars we were ready for Warriors to inflict some damage on Bristol. And they did not disappoint by beating Bristol by 41 to 24.

Just as we left the ground at the end of the match, the rain came back, but that could not dent our happiness at a super win PLUS £1,285 for Acorn's and PROGS.

Well done all who came, and all who sold 127 tickets. Thank you all, and especially John for doing all the hard work while I sunned myself in Australia!

Peter Gardner

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT Torquay 17-19 March

On Friday 17 March 19 delegates from the Rotary club of Pershore attended the District 1100 conference at Torquay

Having checked into the Grand Hotel, we made our way to the conference centre where the afternoon session included a presentation on The Guildford Eye Project www.guildfordrotaryeyeproject.org.uk and an excellent illustrated talk by Stella Barnes who gave us an insight into the horrors experienced by the street children of Cambodia.

These two presentations were interspersed by the usual Rotarian ego trips and less than scintillating talks on Rotary business and indecipherable accounts.

Back at the hotel, champagne flowed, thanks to the generosity of President Bob, followed by a buffet dinner and a 'who done it' murder mystery'. Then there was dancing to the 'Flower Power Band' who played mainly 60s music. The gyrating of 70 and 80 year olds was a sight for sore eyes and luckily no heart attacks were reported

John Rosier