

Report of the President
(Review of the Year 2014 – 2015)
Presented to the Club AGM
at West Hants Club Bournemouth
On 30 April 2015

My first happy task of my year was to present a Rotary Progress award to a young lady pupil of Avonbourne School at the end of summer term assembly on 18 July 2014.

The following week saw some of us stewarding in Meyrick Park in July at the Childrens' Centenary Festival where we sold the first of our Duck Race tickets.

In terms of Club meetings my year began on 3 July and after chairing my first Club Committee meeting and first Club Council meetings on 10 and 17 July respectively we had a great Speaker from the YMCA, Sheena Dayman.

In the summer break we enjoyed a Skittles evening on 28 August at the Frampton Arms
Our welcome back from the summer break was a BBQ evening at the West Hants on 4 September
We had more great Speakers in the following months namely Chris Potter (Commonwealth Games 2014) Simon Miller (The Sewage system of London) and Mike Denny (Million steps)

We had the first of our Ethnic evening on 9 October (Italian) and our Duck race was a success on Sunday 16 October which raised just under £1000 for our Charity funds.

The first of our Ladies Nights in my year took place on 30 October (Shelter box) and on 13 November our RYLA candidate spoke to us at our meeting

We had a speaker on 20 November from MFP Wealth Management

Ian Robertson treated us to his annual Christmas Quiz on 18 December and of course Mike Crockett did his annual year end brain teaser which raised about £500 for our Charity funds.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas party at the Best Western Hotel Royale on 13 December and Patricia and I were given the Casino Royale suite!
Into 2015 we heard about the schools technology tournament from Vivian Dunn at our meeting on 15 January and at our second Ladies Night on 29 January we had a fascinating speaker Trevor Fulton "They saw the Elephant" ..in the Gold Rush then Len Doyle spoke at our meeting on 5 February "Bournemouth Rough Sleepers"

I missed our Speaker Andy Chu and the buffet and Chinese new year evening on 19 February as my Mother was critically ill. The Speaker was brilliant... nuff said

The Thai ethnic evening took place on 26 February at the Nelson Tavern and was excellent and on 5 March we had another Ladies Night when Marianne Abley spoke to us about CRUSE and SUDEP which I missed due my Mother's funeral on that day

Into March we had a Speaker Alan Holland talking about his interests as a New Forest Warden and on 2 April we had another great speaker Aart Lambers of DP World telling us about the Southampton container terminal and John Miles on 16 April talking about the Guildford Rotary Eye project work in India and in Africa

On 4 April of course the whole club were at Boscombe Pier and on the course at our Easter Quarter marathon. We had a record number of entrants (480) and in the Fun Run (26) .Your President as a spur of the moment entrant came 26th out of 26 in the Fun Run and Patricia came 25th . We are proud of our medals!

That is a look back...I have not mentioned all the committee nights and club councils in the review but wish to thank in particular Paul and Andrew and Chris for seeing me through the trials of the blue book and for taking a meeting or two in my absence

We have the following to look forward to in the run up to 18 June and the Assembly and Presidential hand over with Mike Dwyer in attendance

A speaker on 14 May on Childhood Cancer Awareness(Stephanie Cherington – Rimmell) and a Ladies Night on 21 May (Solomon Islands...help the locals)

6 June we will have our Presidents Night at Bentleys Restaurant Dudsbury Golf Club which should be a brilliant evening.

10 June we will be helping at Paultons Park (Kids Out)

Jumelage weekend 19 20 21 June when we will welcome our friends from Caen du Nacre Club which Ian Robertson has worked tirelessly on



Alan Turle (President 2014 2015)