



HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU?

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Here is my first newsletter for November.

This week is the 2nd meeting of the year for the RIBI General Council, held in Alcester.

We do the admin and go through the reports by webinar, and then have the face to face session 2 days later. The agenda is very significant.

There is a big deficit to this year's budget – the £52 we currently pay for our National sub.

There are 4 main reasons:-

- a) The decision by RI to drop the joining fee for new members.
- b) The devaluation of the £ to the dollar. This has increased the amount of sterling we have to send to the States.
- c) A probable big loss on the Manchester Conference in April.
- d) Less subs in the first half year that expected.

So everybody has asked that a 3 year plan is issued to the GC by Christmas. We feel there is no point in ducking the issue, and just having a short term fix in 2017/18.

This 3 year plan will go much further than just money. The whole "raison d'être" for RIBI will be examined. A real attempt will be made to bring it up to 21st century life styles will be looked at.

I will keep you all updated as soon as I can.

Otherwise, I sense most of the clubs have had a good summer and early autumn. And we are now right into the busy November/ December period with Fireworks; Tree of Light; Xmas Concerts; Santa Fun Runs and good deal of Festive activity. These to me, are the best time of the year to showcase Rotary at its best within our communities.

So with this attitude in mind, can I ask all clubs to have another look at Rotary Club Central? If those who had entered some of the detail on to the RCC last year updated it for 2016/17, and when this is added to those now on already, we would have 22 clubs out of 67 on the system. It really is terribly easy to put the basic information if we have the desir

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