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# THE BS NEWS



## Rotary in Boscombe and Southbourne

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### Welcome to our club officers for 2018 / 19



Retiring President Brent welcomes New President Bill Jones

And Bill welcomes Vice-President Chris who appears to be complaining that his ribbon has not been ironed.



Bill welcomes Junior Vice

President Robin with

Enthusiastic endorsement from assistant

Secretary Neal, who is overcome with emotion at the induction of Colin.

Russell is Russell. A great team for our New Rotary Year





## President Bill's opening words

I feel very privileged to be standing before you as President of Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary Club, particularly as many past Presidents, who have served the Club so well are here today and I will do my utmost to uphold the traditions and values of B & S Rotary. I can't believe how quickly the time has come round since I was approached by Mike Coombes and asked to consider becoming President.

I am delighted that my sponsor, Mike Lambert is here today and I was inducted into Rotary by Adrian Scott, who is away on holiday.

My introduction into Rotary began a good few years ago, at a Tangent cream tea held at Mike's home, where he asked me if I would be interested in joining Rotary and so I duly arrived for lunch one Thursday. Having had a background in Round Table, I was not unfamiliar with the concepts of working for the betterment of others less fortunate in the local community and I feel this background has stood me in good stead.

When I first joined Rotary, I went on the Community and Vocational Committee, when Stan was chairman. I learned a lot from Stan and he was a very good mentor for me and gave me the encouragement to become chairman of that committee when he stepped down.

I am now looking forward to the year ahead and all that it brings forth. I am sure there will be challenges but I have a great team in place to call on for support and advice. With Chris as VP and Robin as JVP I know I will be able to rely on them whenever I need to.

I am sure that I will be kept in line by Russell, as club secretary, and look forward to a close working relationship with him. Neal has kindly agreed to be Russell's deputy, as and when needed. I am particularly delighted by this as they share my passions for the 2 R's – Rotary and Rugby.

Our treasurer, Colin, will no doubt be keeping all matters financial in good order and I know I can rely on his diligence.

The committee chairs with Philip as Community chairman, and Celia heading Youth, will prove a strong combination for fundraising and proceeds being directed where needed most in the community. It is from this combination that we will, hopefully, form a sub-committee for the Tree of Lights. Membership and PR is again, very capably led by Brian Smith. We hope that we will be able to attract new members for the club, as well as nurturing the fledgling Network Group, as we have high hopes of what they will achieve. Bill Coombes will be bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century when once the new website is up and functioning. Bill will also be on the PR committee and I'm sure will be advising us along the way.

The Club Services Committee will be led by Chris as VP as well as him wearing his other hat as the chairman of International, where he will no doubt get plenty of support from his committee, especially with Triangulation looming in May next year.

Our Bar chairman is, as usual, Mike Lambert whom I'm sure will endeavor to keep the bar fully stocked and increase profits along the way.

Rotary Foundation will be in the very capable hands of Steve Nagle, who will also continue with the excellent articles he writes for insertion in the Southbourne Eye.

Sports Officer is Tony Francis who, hopefully, will encourage us to win something during the year. He is also our attendance officer & diligently passes the monthly attendances on to Club Services.

I am delighted that the position of Speaker's Secretary, is once again, in the very capable hands of Ron Emmett, who I know works very hard to find entertaining and interesting speakers for us. I would encourage everyone to tell Ron if you hear of a speaker you think would be of interest to the club, so please advise Ron if you know of someone.

Our Health and Safety Officer is Don Driver who does a brilliant job with the Risk Assessments, as and when we need them. In this day and age, it is better to be safe than sorry!

The baton for producing BS News each month has been handed on from Steve to Brent. Please contact Brent if you have something you would like him to highlight as the more info he has, the easier the job of editor becomes.

David is another one wearing two hats as he will be taking on both Social and Welfare and has made a start on the former with informal social gatherings, during the summer, down at his beach hut, ably assisted by Judy.

Our Legal Eagle, who, hopefully, will keep us out of court, is John Lloyd. For obvious reasons, I wish him a quiet year!

Philip, as you know, takes the apologies and orders the meals each week. He would like to relinquish this role which involves liaising with Mrs Gilbey on numbers of meals. If anyone would like to take this on for Philip, please let him know.

Lastly but by no means least, I'm sure the club is pleased that Prakash has taken up the position of District 1110 Secretary and we wish him well in that role.

I am indeed very fortunate to have such a capable team of people supporting me and I am sure my time as President will be made much easier because of them. I am just the figurehead but they are the driving force who will keep things ticking along. It is very important that committee members support their chairman, without question. If you are asked to undertake a task please do it and not leave your chairman in the lurch or piling the pressure on to other members who willingly just get on with it. Please remember our motto: Service above Self. Also, many hands make light work and teamwork is essential to ensure the smooth running of committees.

Teamwork certainly comes into play at our annual Kidz Out Day which has been organised supremely well by Mike Coombes who has carried the mantle for this for 18 years now. I know this will again be well supported by the regular members who go along each year and if you are a member who hasn't been, I thoroughly recommend that you attend as you will get a lot of satisfaction from being with the children and seeing their enjoyment.

As you know, Russell organises the very successful tea party held here at Northwick for the elderly and lonely people. I visit an 89 year old neighbour who lost her husband last year. She does have carers Monday to Friday who go in and sort out her meals but it is things like putting out the refuse bins where she struggles as she cannot do this due to being very unsteady on her feet. I just pop in on a Sunday morning for a little chat and she knows she can phone if she has a problem. If any of you know someone in like circumstances, you can make a difference with a helping hand. I would really like to see this adopted throughout the club so if you know of someone similar, pop a card through their door to introduce yourself and giving sufficient information for them to feel secure to open their door to you and see if you can help in some way.

My main charity this year is Dorset Children's Foundation. We had a talk regarding this charity by Louise Hands-Heathfield a while ago. This is a charity that does not operate with a CEO but is run by volunteers from their three charity shops in Boscombe and Southbourne. The charity shops have basic fixtures and fittings and apart from the usual expenses, the majority of their fund raising goes towards treatment, equipment and therapies for local sick and disabled children. I hope you all agree this is a worthwhile charity and I would like to invite Louise to talk to us again sometime during the year.

MacMillan Caring Locally will again benefit from our Tree of Lights Appeal and service to be held at The Grove Hotel. There may well be other charities that will need a helping hand during the year and I know that any requests for help will be duly considered and our money wisely spent.

We have three events later in the year. There is the District Conference to be held in October and I know those of who have booked to go to this will be looking forward to an entertaining few days on the delightful island of Jersey.

On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October Philip, Chris, John Lloyd and myself are organising a concert featuring local performers, including Simon Woodley and Raising Voices Wessex choir, all of whom entertained us at the last concert. Please ensure you give your support to this fundraising event.

Our Charter Night is scheduled for Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November and I hope, with Ron's help, we shall have an entertaining speaker for the evening. This is a significant club event as it celebrates the granting of our Charter and I would like to see a good attendance from members and partners.

When once we get into December, we shall of course be having our very popular Carol Concert with the children from Epiphany School. This will followed by the Tree of Lights service at the Grove Hotel.



Some of you may be aware that this year's President of Inner Wheel is Marilyn Curtis and I hope we shall enjoy some joint events between our two clubs throughout the year. I know without a doubt this will involve Kubb, Kubb and more Kubb, but I am sure Marilyn and I can get our heads together to come up with something else for us all to enjoy. I send my best wishes to Marilyn for a happy year as President of Inner Wheel.

We have members of Inner Wheel on the committee of the Housing Association and we should continue to retain close ties and maintain an interest in what is a very valuable asset to both Rotary and Inner Wheel.

I hope during my time as President, you will find that I am extremely approachable and if any of you have any concerns, personal or to do with the way things are in the club, I would hope that you feel you can talk to me, in confidence, and I will do my utmost to help and sort matters out. I do not want anyone to just sit and be unhappy and bottle things up when possibly just talking things out can make a difference.

Finally, whilst Rotary is about helping those in need, we are all volunteers and give freely of our time but we should also have fun and fellowship along the way. Our club is known as being one of the friendliest and I look forward to being able to welcome visitors and guests during the year

Bill Jones

President 2018/19

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Our first speaker of the New Year was Rob Guy from the Dorset & Wilts Fire and Rescue.

He spoke about the Prince's Trust and how they help young, unemployable teenagers, some drug addicts etc. by taking them on courses run by some ex-military personnel and others from various walks of life. They run seminars for 8 weeks, some residential, others generally outdoor activities. They gradually build up their confidence and turn their lives around so they become employable. The participants receive a certificate at the end of the course and have to give a speech, in front of parents and the Chief Fire Officer, as to how the course has changed them for the better.

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## International Committee Summer Barbecue

At Spinnaker Sailing Club, Blashford Lakes

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 from 6.30 p.m.

# ***Club Business***

## **Membership and PR**

Bill Coombes is advancing with the new club website complete with, log-in procedures etc. Members will receive a hard copy of instructions for navigation purposes. At a date to be agreed, members will be encouraged to bring their electronic devices to Northwick for a 'hands on' demonstration.

Associate Membership. The M&PR committee have been considering ways of increasing membership of the club and have researched the option of Associate Membership. This has been agreed by council as a method for bringing in new people who will take Associate Membership for up to a year. During this period they will be expected to take part in meetings, social events and fund raising. They will get to know the club and other members will be expected to get to know them and, by example and friendship, encourage them to join as full members at the end of the Associate period. If you wish to know more then chat with Brian and see if you have any friends who could be a part of this scheme.

The Breakfast Network Group is working alongside Rotary and is fully engaged in providing holiday lunches in the "Grubs Up" initiative of feeding needy children during the school closure dates in Stourfield School. The group have been successful in obtaining sponsorship from local businesses and are proving a very effective business and community unit. Two food outlets have given the Group the option to feed the children a hot meal on two days each week. Congratulations to Group and M&PR members who are involved.

## **International Committee**

Once again we have supported the Kabanana Trust with a contribution of £500, Recent examination of the Kabanana accounts have indicated that the charity does excellent work and gives true value for money. There are contacts within the Bournemouth area that keep us informed.

Triangulation to Ciney was a big success with 11 travelling from our club. As always, we were well looked after. And enjoyed the company of Rotarians and their wives / husbands from both clubs. At the business meeting on the Sunday, Ciney and Châteaudun agreed to jointly fund the charity project at the Rhema Foundation in Romania and have expressed an interest in joining us in any visits to Târgu Mureş in the future so that they can learn about the Shoebox project. This was news to our continental friends and they were very interested in learning more from us.

The next Triangulation will be in Boscombe & Southbourne from Friday 17th to Sunday 19 May 2019

Both Ciney and Châteaudun Clubs have been informed by Chris of these dates

The committee plan to have a quiz evening in the autumn but our usual caterers (the indomitable Peter and Roz) will not be available so anyone who would like to fill the breach - step forward.

## **Youth Services**

We will be supporting Bournemouth Library in their literacy campaign with finance of £150 .

Funding of £1000 has been agreed for the Kings Park School summer lunches although it appears that this amount may be increased due to an increase in the number of pupils qualifying for "Free Lunches"

Celia has spent many hours organising and purchasing these lunches on behalf of the club and school.

Ten of our members took part in an interesting morning of "Reflections" at Avonbourne School where our usual Interviewing Exercise was reversed when groups of pupils interviewed members about their business and professional lives. The girls operated in small teams and asked highly erudite questions with follow-up questions that engaged their own talents and the Rotarians. Great maturity and interest from all pupils involved.

Further support has been agreed for Kings Park School with £300 donated to provide book tokens for Kings Park full attenders in this school year.

# Diary August / September 2018

## 2nd Aug Speaker Natalie Newman Representing Amelia's Rainbow

Registrar	Ian Monkhouse
Host	Bill Coombes
Raffle by	Malcolm Freeth
Bar	Malcolm Freeth

## 9th August District Governor's Visit D.G. Alan Smith's address

Registrar	Ron Emmitt
Host	Neal Curtis
Raffle by	Ian Gillespie
Bar	John Lloyd

## 16th August Speaker

Registrar	Malcolm Freeth
Host	Don Driver
Raffle by	Peter Goodhead
Bar	Ian Monkhouse

## 23rd August Business

Registrar	Mike Lambert
Host	N/a
Raffle by	Bill Jones
Bar	Brent Coleman

## 30th August Speaker Meeting with guests & friends

Registrar	John Lloyd
Host	Philip Duncan
Raffle by	Chris Knight
Bar	David Shires

## 6th September Speaker

Registrar	Robin Scott
Host	Ron Emmitt
Raffle by	Mike Lambert
Bar	Brian Smith

## 13th September Speaker

Registrar	Harold Payne
Host	Eric Frampton
Raffle by	Richard Larner
Bar	Mike Lambert

## 20th September Business

Registrar	Robin Scott
Host	n/a
Raffle by	John Lloyd
Bar	Neal Curtis

## 27th Sept Speaker Nick Dobbs The Dorset Wildlife Trust

Registrar	Ian Monkhouse
Host	Ian Gillespie
Raffle by	Derek Luker
Bar	Mike Lambert

## 4th Oct Speaker

Registrar	Harold Payne
Host	Peter Goodhead
Raffle by	David McMahon
Bar	Neal Curtis

## 11th Oct Speaker

Registrar	Mike Lambert
Host	Chris Knight
Raffle by	Ian Monkhouse
Bar	David Shires

## 18th October Business

Registrar	John Lloyd
Host	n/a
Raffle donated by	Steve Nagle
Bar	Brian Smith

Please note that, if you are unable to carry out any duty, you should arrange an alternative or exchange of duties and notify the Secretary of the change.

We could do with a couple more volunteers for Registrar and Bar so.....  
If you are happy to do the occasional duty, please give your name to Brent or Mike Lambert