



**ROTARY:
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Rotary



Club of Melton Mowbray

Minutes for Annual General Meeting held on 23rd April 2018

1. Annual reports from the Council and Committees.

Reports were presented and accepted see appendix 1.

(Proposed A.B.. seconded B.G. and agreed by all members present).

2. Treasurer's report and proposed budget.

A budget report for the coming year was tabled by Treasurer K. Theobald recommending that the subscriptions remain at present level of £119 and £26 for the Lunch levy. Total Subscriptions for 20018/19 proposed to remain unchanged at £145.

(Proposed by K.T.. and Seconded by I.N.)

The Treasurer's recommendation was agreed by all members present.

3. Election of Honorary members

Lady Gretton and Mike Powderly both to continue as a Honorary members, agreed unanimously by all members present.

(Proposed A.B. and Seconded by R.Mc.C)

4. Confirm the appointment of the Chairmen of Committees.

The following Chairmen were proposed by A.B., seconded by K.T. and agreed by all members present.

Club Service, P.R., Communications.	Kriss Payne
Community/Vocational Service	Helen Bett
International Service	tba at a later date
Foundation	John Dehnel
Membership	Ian Neale
Youth Service	Malcolm Britton

5. Elect the ordinary members of the Council.

Committee Chairs who are not Club Officers were voted onto the Council en bloc. (Namely H.B., J.D., I.N., M.B., and A.F. the representative from Satellite Club). In addition G.B. was Elected to continue as an Ordinary Member of Council.

Nb. A vacancy exists for the role of Vice President - a Club Officer.

(Proposed R.Mc.C . Seconded J.G.) Agreed by all members present.

6. Appoint a person or persons to examine the Club's annual accounts.

Sarah Amos was as last year recommended for examining Trust accounts, with James Green agreeing to continue for Club accounts.

(Proposed by K.T. Seconded by J.D.).

Agreed by all members present.

7. Elect three representatives of the Club on the District Council.

President Alison Blythe, President Elect Kriss Payne and Honorary Secretary David Ward were nominated and elected.

(Proposed by J.D. Seconded by D.M.) Agreed by all members present.

It was noted that the Club already had good representation at Council with J.D. and D.M. attending through their District roles.

8. Any other business.

Nothing to report.

Appendix 1

AGM 2018 Reports from Council and Committees

Presidents' Report - *Adrienne Holland and Janet Shortland*

It has been an interesting and busy year for us both. We would like to think that we have shown that a Joint Presidency works and that it can be not only effective but also enjoyable – certainly for the Joint Presidents.

We have been well supported by the club members in this change from tradition; for which we are most grateful. Mostly, business appeared to occur as usual, with a mix of Speaker led, Fellowship and Business meetings – but no-one, including the two of us, knew who was likely to lead the meeting and members had to adapt to different styles. Thank you all for your good humoured forbearance.

Our fundraising started immediately into our Presidential year, with Adrienne doing Sponsored Steps to raise money for our nominated charities of Cancer Research and Home-Start. These were also supported through our Vintage and Classic car Rally; which was held in the Market Place for the first time. It was a great success and well worth all the hard work done by so many people. This is fast becoming a standing event for our club, getting better and bigger each year.

A good number of us attended CPR training, at which we learnt the basics of what action we should take when confronted with someone suffering a cardiac arrest. Since then, a number of us have attended further Heartwise training and now support John Dehnel and Richard Abbott in cascading the training to other clubs. This is most worthwhile and something about which our club should be very proud.

At the very end of Ian's year a group of us went to Durham for the weekend, where we stayed in a great hotel, enjoyed lovely weather, in a wonderful city, visiting really interesting places with excellent company. Many, many thanks to Bob for all his hard work arranging it and organising us all; it was very special. 13 members of our club then attended the District Conference at Llandudno. What a great weekend! The conference was good and the fellowship even better.

In October many of us enjoyed a social evening, supper and fun Beetle Drive with the other Rotary clubs of Melton at the Bowls Club. Everyone enjoyed the evening; notwithstanding one team clearly not understanding the rules!! We also provided a social opportunity for about 36 of our local elderly citizens, with afternoon tea at Burton Lazaars.

We are told that what we provide is always very much appreciated as the recipients enjoy the home made sandwiches, cakes and trifles – and the doggy bags with which they are provided.

The schools and families of Melton and nearby villages once again came up trumps with their generous donations of shoeboxes, despite a mix up in the dates and a rush for meeting the collection date. We are confident that our club will continue to support such a good cause and provide gifts for children over the world who have so very little.

It was such a shame that the weather meant that our Santa Fun Run had to be cancelled. This was a difficult and sad decision to have to make but Health and Safety was paramount. We have sent an order for calmer weather for the next Fun Run and hope for the highest number of runners to date. That same weekend we worked with other clubs in the town to collect for and distribute Christmas Parcels for the needy elderly. The parcels are always very much appreciated and must make a huge difference to some people's celebrations.

Our Christmas Party was very well attended and was a great night, with good food and lots of giggles. Some members displayed considerable talent in constructing towers from very fragile and wobbly materials....

Burns night was excellent, well supported and with delicious food, drink, entertainment and laughter. Many thanks to Ben, very ably supported by Bob, for another hugely enjoyable evening.

Charter Night was our 90th and we were determined to make it a memorable event. We were very fortunate indeed that we were able to hold it in the wonderful, newly refurbished St Mary's Church. The catering was of a high standard, the service quick and efficient, the speeches short and the entertainment extremely good. We owe huge thanks to a whole host of people who helped make the evening special. The team work worked. Thank you to everyone who gave so very generously of their time both before and after the event, and to all who attended.

Still coming up are; the concert on April 22nd in St Mary's Church, to support our work in the Philippines; our Gourmet night at the College Restaurant on May 3rd for Foundation; the Quiz on May 25th at the British Legion, in aid of our Charities; the Bike Ride and BBQ at Rutland Water on June 3rd and a Family and Friends' BBQ, with live music at the wonderful setting of Janet's house on June 23rd. Also, in the next Presidential year, Tree Planting in conjunction with the other Rotary Clubs of Melton.

Our less successful ventures included being knocked out of the Minor Sports tournament in the first round; the planned First Aid evening having to be postponed because of lack of support; our planned joint project with the other Rotary clubs having to be postponed due to the illness of David Brown's sister and, of course, the Santa Fun Run.

Once again, many thanks to the members of the club who have supported us during what has been for us a tiring, hectic, enjoyable and fun year. Thank you for tolerating our mistakes, supporting us in our efforts and being encouraging to us both.

Club Service Committee - *President Elect. Alison Blythe*

Much of the work done by Club Service support that of the Presidents and is therefore reflected in their report.

- The Classic and Vintage Care - a great success.
- CPR training from Heartwise, led by a leading Heart surgeon. Thanks are due to Richard and John for their organisation, encouragement and support.
- The Ball that we were expecting to take place early Autumn did not happen for a variety of reasons. A huge thanks are due to the small team of our members who worked so hard with other Rotarians to organise this and must have been very disappointed when it had to be cancelled.
- Minor Sports provided the team with a great evening – but we lost and went no further in the competition so had no opportunity to visit the far reaches of our district!

- The old peoples' Contact group tea was extremely well received.
- Two of the committee supported the Santa Sleigh event organised and run by the Belvoir Club. Although there was no financial advantage to our club, it was good to be able to support another club in their, very successful, fund raising.
- Our Christmas Party was a lovely evening, with excellent food, company and atmosphere.
- Burns night was, once again, extremely successful and hugely enjoyable. Many thanks go to Ben for all the hard work that he puts into organising such a good event and to Bob for the unfailing support he provides.
- Our 90th Charter was deemed to be a huge success.

Events to come;

- On May 3, a Gourmet evening at the Rural Catering Centre, to raise funds for Foundation..
- The Quiz Night will take place at the British Legion on May 25th.
- Despite the fact that Helen continues to take the lead, the Duck Race is now a whole club event. It will take place on Monday 28th May and we are hopeful that every member will sell tickets and come along on the day to support what is our main fund raising activity. It will take place on the river in Egerton park, and should attract more observers and stimulate more interest in the town.
- A Bike Ride and barbecue on June 3rd, open to all members, families and friends.
- A barbecue with a live band providing music at Janet's house on June 23rd.

We have been disappointed that both the planned First Aid evening and an excellent weekend away have had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

Foundation - *Alison L Blythe*

2017/18 has been a quieter year for Foundation – both from the point of view of fund raising, and for International works funded through grants – with the exception of John Dehnel's successful work liaising with Heartwise and the purchase of defibrillator and manikins.

For the second year running, I am disappointed that the Club is unlikely to be in a position to contribute the full recommended amount to the RI Foundation this year of \$100 per person.

We look forward to the Foundation Gourmet Lunch planned for the beginning of May which will help our support of our principal charity. It was suggested last year that Mr. Horn and Mrs. Blythe would further discuss the ways forward and I apologise that this has not been specifically done. Earlier discussions regarding various options of raising funds towards our contribution were not received well by members and therefore were not followed up.

A big garden party is planned for early September and Foundation will be one of the charities supported through this event.

The Club, as we all know, is fortunate in receiving many grants both at District Level and now International Level towards the projects that it supports at home and abroad. It seems only right that we should be in a position to make our contribution in turn.

Any donation can of course attract "gift aid" and in order to make less work for the Treasurer quarterly donations would be easier to manager.

International - *Diana Osborne*

The Club has continued to support projects in Tacloban, Philippine Islands.

The Club continued to support the development of IT skills in schools in Tacloban, Philippine Islands by sponsoring the flight costs of two teachers to visit in the summer of 2017 with the aid of a District grant. This project also covered the sending of books and computer equipment. The committee has considered reports on projects to improve children's health and hygiene through the installation of toilets and water fountains in a school in the area of Tacloban to which people displaced by Typhoon Haiyan were relocated.

We have continued our support for the End Polio Now programme with funds raised from a lunch at Tresillian House and from sponsorship by the immediate past president for his slim. Foreign currency donations have been passed to District and its proceeds have been put to this programme.

The disaster in the Caribbean prompted support for Shelterbox and donations, including the sale proceeds from items in the redundant box, were secured, which will be sufficient to pay for four boxes.

Spectacles collections continued through the efforts of Joe Carrington and ink cartridge and mobile phone recycling has commenced.

President Elect Alison Blythe arranged for Uppingham School's Chamber Orchestra to perform in St Mary's Church on 22 April. The proceeds are to be used to support projects in the Philippines.

My thanks are due to the Committee and for all the members of the Club who have supported our international projects.

Membership Development & Retention - *Ian Neale*

It has not been an easy year for membership, either the club, Satellite section, or the membership committee.

Following a year of rapid expansion, in both the club and satellite it has been a year of consolidation with regards to membership, we have lost Fiona Buckton due to health problems, Mike Kelsey has moved away and regrettably Michael Osborne felt that Rotary was no longer for him after many years of very active participation.

Michael resigned from the post of committee chairman during the year, and I took over, with the support of the joint presidents and the other committee members, it was not an easy time.

It has been good to welcome John Hodgson to the club and Ben and Charlie Dodge Williams to the Satellite section. A membership drive has been organised for Monday 30th April and all members have been asked to submit names. A few existing members will speak as to what Rotary means to them and there will be a chance for the visitors to ask questions.

I would like to thank Brian, Atul, and David M for their support along with Michael during the hand over.

Enterprise (Satellite) Group Report - *Andrea Fifford*

The Enterprise group currently has 10 members, 7 of whom attend the majority of meetings. There are 3 others expressing interest who have begun to attend a few of the meetings with a view to joining in the near future.

Our membership has had a bumpy year with the decision by Paul, Andrea and Mark to leave; but we have now gelled together in a much more cohesive manner with a renewed, shared purpose and commitment. I am not sure if Colin has now ended his membership? We are optimistic that in the coming new year membership will increase again and strengthen further.

I am currently filling the position of acting Chair after Marks departure and hope a member will step forward to take up this post in the summer. Ruth is Secretary

We are very positive about the Business Forum meetings we are now hosting, we hope on a 3 monthly basis. Our latest one, which was on 12th April, was very successful. 24 local business people posted questions to a panel composing of the Chief Executive Edd De Coverley, Chief planning officer Sarah Legge and Shoulers Manager Simon Shouler. Concerns regarding the availability of commercial land and property in the town was discussed in a constructive and supportive manner and network connections were made.

Our next Forum is planned for Tuesday 10th July at 6.30 at Melton College. The speaker will be Rosie Smith, the East Midlands regional representative for the Bank of England and she will be discussing with attendee's the Outlook for the Economy.

The purpose of these Forums is to promote Rotary in the town, whilst supporting local entrepreneurship by serving local small businesses. We will promote the Bursary service we offer via these networks and seek to strengthen the links between local business network groups. This approach which Rotary Enterprise is adopting has been inspired by the example set by the original founders of Rotary 'A few business men coming together and developing trusting relationships in which to share ideas, support mutual beneficial development and provide encouragement and local support'.

We are keen to put in place the Charity Scarecrow event for Melton next year, which was presented as a suggestion for the clubs joint venture, and is now being planned and co-ordinated between Rotary Enterprise and the Aurora group.

Members support other Rotary events where we are able, by providing our time, and if applicable skills and support.

You are aware of our current financial balance. We have a steady small income from the Community Lottery fund and will be viewing afresh further fundraising opportunities for the forthcoming Year.

Youth Services Report - *Eric Hall*

Working with Melton Mowbray Belvoir with Melton Aurora supporting Interact, has enabled the joint Youth Committee to have another successful and rewarding year.

Competitions and Events

Changes to the educational systems and their inspection regimes appear to be reducing the level of interest, or possibly willingness, for some schools and academies to participate in Rotary competitions. Whilst disappointing from our perspective, the Youth Committee continues to examine whether and how we can adapt our relationship with these organisations to halt or at least reduce the downward trend. Young Musician is the main competition event where interest has reduced to virtually zero.

Rotary Stars

This award is aimed at recognising good citizenship in local Primary School children. It is pleasing to report that 10 schools will participate in this year's programme which finishes at the end of the Summer Term.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

We continue to work with the local youth organisations to identifying and support candidates wishing to develop their leadership and technical skills. Potential candidates have been identified but these have not progressed into a candidate's firm commitment.

Young Chef

Stapleford Park, Jane Abbott, Jo Edwards, Linda Moore and Jenny Foreman continue to provide excellent support and knowledge for the event.

John Ferneley College has withdrawn from the event following the closure of its domestic science facility. However, Long Field Academy and The Priory Belvoir Academy continue to be keenly involved which enabled us to enter two students into the District Competition. They performed very well in the high standard and mixed age range field but were not selected to go forward to the Regional heat.

In recognition of the consistently high standard of work produced by Sophie Spokes, a pupil at Long Field Academy, she will be awarded the Melton Young Chef Shield for 2018. It is currently being engraved and will be presented in the coming weeks.

Youth Speaks

Another successful year. Three teams from Catmose College progressed from the local competition by qualifying for the Semi Final of the District Competition. Their skills were again recognised when they qualified for entry into the District Final which in turn enabled one Intermediate and one Senior team to progress to the Regional Final to be held on 21st April.

Catmose College has an impressive record of success across different disciplines in various Rotary competitions. In my mind, this should dispel the concern that academic achievement and participation in Rotary competitions are incompatible.

Young Musician

It is disappointing to report that the competition continues to follow the trend of a reducing level of interest. The sole applicant, a vocalist accompanying herself on the ukulele, progressed directly to the District semi-final but unfortunately, no further.

The committee is examining how interest might be revived but has yet to reach a conclusion.

Although not a participant in Young Musician, the club has successfully sponsored a local violinist to attend the International Music Camp in San Diego. Qualifying was a superb achievement on his part and encouraging for the Club but it does indicate that a lack of ability is probably not the reason for the poor take-up in the Young Musician Competition.

Young Designer

Arrangements are being made for the local heat to be held at MV16 with judges provided by Belvoir and our Club. David Wilson (MV16) kindly and ably undertakes the main co-ordinating and organisational role and we are most grateful for his help and guidance.

Young Artist

Now in its second year and lead by Mike Rowe, Mike's endeavours have been rewarded with a total of 14 entrants from Catmose College and Long Field Academe. The pieces are currently being judged but we can confirm the winners will qualify for entry into the District Competition.

Young Citizen

This is a new event for us and is presently being run as a local event. We are hopeful that it will progress to become a feeder for the District Competition.

Young Writer

Yet another event where we struggle to convert interest into participants. However, it is pleasing to report that we have received 12 poems in response to Rotary's initiative to mark the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

Interact

See separate report from Diana Osborne.

As leader of the Youth Committee for the year, I am pleased to acknowledge and am most grateful for the help and support from the committee members and club.

After leading the Youth Committee for three years, I propose to stand down this year in order to provide the opportunity for another club member to broaden their experience in Rotary.

Report of the Interact Officer - Diana Osborne

An Interact Club has continued to meet regularly at MV16. There have been approximately eight members who have supported the club.

They have organized fund raising activities to support Hope Against Cancer a local charity supporting cancer research.

Some members of the Club are raising funds to help with the cost of their trip to Sri Lanka.

A new Interact Club, supported by Melton Aurora, has been established at John Ferneley College.

Community Service Committee - *Helen Bett*

Community has had another very busy and successful year. The committee and the whole club have been supportive of activities.

Kids Out at Twin Lakes

This year Birchwood School, for their own reasons, pulled out of the Twin Lakes visit in September. However following discussions with the school we have offered 3 x £500 for the school to use on visits they feel would be more appropriate. These may include a visit to the Space Centre, a visit to Warning Zone and a theatre visit. So far the school has not contacted us for this funding.

Homemade Chutney

£77 was raised by selling jars of 'Mrs Bett's Famous Apple Chutney' which was made using a delicious selection of apples donated by Janet Shortland.

Senior Citizens' Contact Tea Party

This was again held at Burton Lazars village hall in October and was very well attended by approximately 40 elderly people and their drivers. They enjoyed sandwiches, trifle and cakes provided by the committee and Ladies in Rotary. It was a lovely event which was clearly enjoyed by the elderly and much food was also taken home in 'doggy bags'. Thanks to everyone who provided food, waited on tables and washed up afterwards. We had good publicity in the Melton Times, thanks to Graham's photos.

Christmas Tree Festival

'Rotary and Peace' was this year's theme and a beautiful tree (thanks Ian) was decorated with handmade clay doves with ribbon wings based on this year's Rotary logo, as well as some of our Rotary roundels. It was a good advert for the club and we had some appreciative comments. Thanks to Di and Margaret who helped to make the doves and to decorate the tree.

Christmas Parcels

Despite some misgivings amongst members about this community activity which we do together with Melton Belvoir Club, Lions and the Barnes Trust, the public continued to be very generous in their giving of food parcels. The Rotary Clubs were stationed at Sainsbury's with the Lions at Tesco. Thanks to everyone who gave time to collect food and also to sort, bag up and distribute parcels to the elderly around Melton.

Christmas Party

Kate made a Christmas cake which we raffled and pupils at Great Dalby School made a delightful card for us all to sign. We made £180 on these two activities.

Duck Race

Last year I said that we would have to put our creative minds to this activity and at that time we tried some different approaches with the market stall and the 'friends and family' sheets. This year we have gone further and actually changed date and location to make it relevant and accessible to local people. Easter was early and predictably the weather before and after has been particularly unpleasant, so members are probably very glad they did not have to freeze in the open air to sell duck numbers.

This year the race will take place on Monday 28 May, weather permitting, on the river in Egerton Park. Tickets will be printed raffle tickets and all members will have several books to sell to family and friends. In addition we will have a short and concentrated effort to sell to the public in the Market and at Melton Show over the Bank Holiday weekend. I look forward to everyone in the club supporting this activity as it is now classed as a 'whole club' event.

Stroke Awareness

Again we have joined with Melton Belvoir Club to highlight to local people the importance of knowing their blood pressure. As before, this took place in the Bell Centre and I would like to thank those who have volunteered to encourage the public to have their BP tested. I am also very grateful to Peter Goodwin from Melton Belvoir who has arranged most of the day and co-ordinated with Latham House, including bringing furniture to the empty unit.

Morsbags

In addition, as part of an effort to get our Rotary name out into the community, Ladies in Rotary joined with me in making 'morsbags' (handmade shopping bags) which included our logo and which we will be giving out free in the market on 26 May. Last year they were well received and we gave out all 70 in an hour and a half.