



# Bournemouth North Rotary Club

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**NEWSLETTER**

## CONGRATULATIONS DAN—90 NOT OUT

Bournemouth North Rotary Club's founding President Dan Cunningham celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday the 23rd August and the Club continued its lunchtime meeting by joining him sipping champagne.

The Club has recently made Dan an Honorary Member and no one could deserve this accolade more after 35 years dedicated service to Rotary in general and our Club in particular. It was fitting that he was joined by five



other founder members of the Club, Mac Hunt, Ted Smith, Peter Durham, Pat Macdona and David Scott.

Dan became the founding President of Bournemouth North Rotary Club (then the Rotary Club of

North Bournemouth) on the 4 November, 1969 when the inaugural meeting of the Club was held, he was nominated



Name that Rotarian! Dan is second left, a prize for anyone who can name all 12!

by Gordon Dean and seconded by John Broomfield.

On 28 May, 1970 the club held its Charter Dinner at the Carlton Hotel in the presence of the Mayor, District Governor, a Past President of RIBI and the Presidents of 8 local Rotary Clubs. The cost was 47/6d which did not include wine! The evening was a great success but the Club incurred a loss of £31.4s.5d on the event.

Browsing through the Club archives Dan clearly had some trouble controlling his officers, Mac Hunt was Chair of Community Service and David Scott Chair of International. I smiled when reading the report to the first AGM by Richard Chubb, Chair of Vocational, he — cont. top page 2

## Presidential Prattle

Well, its been a great start to my year. I am slowly settling in to the seat of high office and enjoying the privileges that come with the job. A quiet start, punctuated by a visit from our RIBI District Governor, Reg Ling who spoke about the benefits of Rotary, outlined the many projects being undertaken this year and encouraged us all to follow the wishes of RIBI by visiting other Rotary Clubs (quick to follow the Governor's advice 10 of us visited Guernsey RC on the 26.9.05) . The highlight of August was visiting Dan with many other Rotarians to celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup>

birthday. A toast of champagne and birthday cake for our founder member. To celebrate Bournemouth North presented Dan with, a 'Send a Cow' scheme gift receipt, sent in his name Dan ever the showman, on top form, enquired if it was necessary to put a stamp on it first!! An enjoyable afternoon, and much appreciated by Dan's nephew for the support Rotary has given Dan. Looking forward, Conference in Torquay is just 2 weeks away!! when Bournemouth North will be well represented once again

**Meetings at the Connaught Hotel Westcliffe Road Bournemouth**  
**Tuesdays: 12.45 for 1pm - 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ----- 7.15 for 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

Cont. from front page— summarised the year saying, “ As usual with Vocational Committee reports there seems to have been a great deal of talking with very little end product”, 35 years later nothing changes!

I note that Mac Hunt’s attendance was 92% and David Scott 88%, but that Peter Durham and Pat Macdona recorded a miserly 72% - but guess what, Ted Smith had 100% attendance—nothing changes.

Pat Macdona was granted a years leave of absence, a fantastic holiday perhaps, work commitments, no nothing so grand, he needed the time off to take the Chair as President of Bournemouth Round Table!

The Club was formed with 31 members and recruited four more during year one, but two others were refused membership as their professional classification was already taken. I am seeking their details, perhaps they would like to come in now.

In 1971, 11 members of the Club visited the Rotary Club of Utrecht and stayed for 4 days. David’s minutes note they found the trip ‘enjoyable and instructive’, now I’m wondering did the Dutch return the visit and did we consider twinning in those days?

### **HOSTING etc.**

**Recently a few members have not carried out the full role when appointed, ‘Vote of Thanks’. The intention is that this Rotarian has the responsibility to greet the speaker and look after him/her until we eat, finally after the presentation to propose the vote of thanks. The title of this role will be changed to ‘Speakers Host and Vote of Thanks’, we ask all members to show the proper courtesy to our speakers when they are given this important task.**

*It would also be very helpful to our Secretary if members would notify him if they swop duties so that he is aware who is doing what.*

**Finally Charles Cleghorn is the keeper of Club records, inventories and other paraphernalia. If any member is holding Club property would they ensure Charles is aware, and if anyone knows of the existence of any records, regalia etc. could they also let him know.**

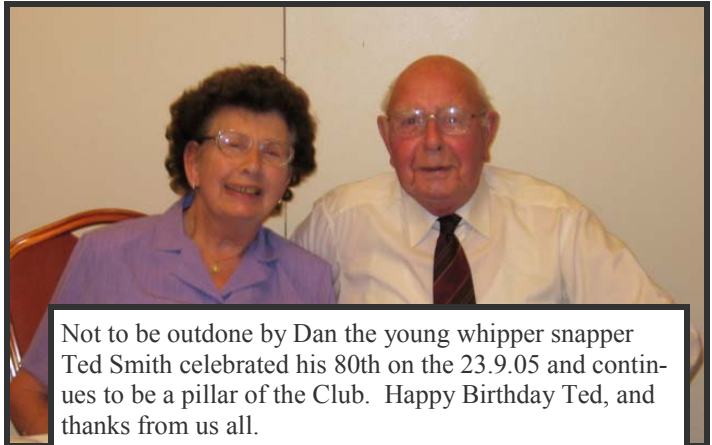
### **BOO**

On 16 August the Club was inspired by a presentation from Rev. John Packard and his wife, Mrs Packard as he referred to her.

Dragged out of retirement in their 70’s the pair are now running a girls school in Kenya under the most difficult conditions. The objective is to give the girls basic skills which gives them value on the job market and may keep some of them off the streets.

The drive and enthusiasm of both was infectious as they competed with each other to make the next comment.

We can be sure BOO and our support of the charity is in good hands as long as the Packards are there.



Not to be outdone by Dan the young whipper snapper Ted Smith celebrated his 80th on the 23.9.05 and continues to be a pillar of the Club. Happy Birthday Ted, and thanks from us all.

### **AQUABOXES**

In 2005 to date the club (through the hard work of Cyril Kennedy) has completed and returned 34 Aquaboxes and will complete a further four a month August to November inclusive making a total of 50.

As from June 2005 Council agreed to finance, for one year, four Aquaboxes per month, the Aquaboxes @ £95 per box which includes the cost of the Aquabox (£50) and £45 per box for the contents which are purchased by Cyril.

The finance comes from the Marjorie Gordon Trust Fund.

The organisers of the Aquabox scheme have recently given guidance on filling them and it is far more satisfactory for Cyril to purchase the contents of the boxes providing consistency and quality. He will bring a filled box to a club meeting so all members can become familiar with what is required.

### **WELCOME FRANCISCO**



**The Club had great pleasure in welcoming Dr Francisco Costa on two occasions in September.**

Francisco visited Bournemouth for three months to study English and was the Secretary of his Rotary Club in Aracaju, Brazil, he made contact with our Secretary David who brought him to our meetings. David also took him to Bournemouth East Cliff so he could see how not to run a meeting!! A delightful gentleman, we were pleased to offer him the fellowship and hospitality of Bournemouth North Rotary Club, an example that if you are part of the Rotary family you have friends throughout the world.

## **HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF**

Having taken on the mantle of District Contact for Hearing Dogs Deaf People, your Bulletineer thought it would be a good idea for me to submit an article on what they do. (Well he would wouldn't he?).

Hearing dogs effectively changes the lives of those deaf owners lucky enough to receive one. They become the ears and eyes thus providing greater independence, confidence and security to not only the recipient but also their family.

The Charity was set up to train dogs to respond to situations and help their owners fulfill a more active and secure life. They are able to respond to sounds such as telephones, front door bell, fire alarms etc., but they can also respond to other situations like cooking spills, strange sounds.

Where the recipient has other disabilities, such as cerebral palsy the dogs can be trained to retrieve dropped items and collect the mail and papers.

The dogs become more than pets and can be all sizes. The charity sources dogs from a wide variety of places including RSPCA, Rescue Centres (where 75% come from) and of course domestic homes.

The training is long and expensive and not every dog reaches the standards set by the Charity. As one can expect the demands are great of not only the dog but sometimes the recipient. However the benefits are tremendous and transforms the lives of the recipients.

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf People is the only Charity in the UK that trains dogs to alert deaf people to important household sounds and danger signals.

*Tony Bayliss*

## **WHICH WAY FORWARD**

**The meeting on the 11 October will provide an opportunity for the Club to debate the future.**

SVP Victor has circulated a number of 'missives' to members which will form the basis of the discussion, he has also sent a questionnaire to members to seek their views, if you have not yet returned this document to Victor please do so as soon as possible.

There are a host of important issues on the agenda not least of which will be the manner in which we finance the Club and raise money for hospitality.

Everyone's views are important and we urge as many members as possible to attend, if you can't then please ensure someone knows your feelings and will bring them to the meeting.

## **WALKIES**

Ros Barton again organised her sponsored dog walk on Saturday 2 October. The weather was showery which reduced the foot flow along the prom. However lots of hard work from Tony S, Gerry N, Keith F and Tony B combined to raise over £200 for the Jubilee Sailing Trust

## **THE LIKELY LADS**



**For the second year running the Club Boule team reached the semi-final of the District competition where they lost again to Highcliffe who went onto to lift the Championship trophy.**

In addition to the likely lads bouling about in the picture the team also included the President, Tony Bayliss and some bloke called Chubb.



**PRESIDENTS TWO**

Ten intrepid Rotary travellers went across the sea to Guernsey on the 26th September and were provided with superb welcome from the local Club.

After wandering around St. Peter Port buying presents for the loved ones at home the Bournemouth North contingent joined the Guernsey Club for their normal meeting. The Club is about 10 years old and is 60% female, they went through their business including a report on a Donkey Derby they had been involved in the previous weekend (Yes they use the same Donkeys as us), and we smiled when there was a short debate on paying their weekly dues, they seem to do it one or two weeks in advance, was rather complicated for this poor soul.

Then a buffet and fellowship. They were very friendly and welcoming. They hope to come over for a shopping trip between now and Christmas so we can keep the association going.

**2005/06**

<b>October 11 Committees</b>	1930	Reception: G Abratz <b>THE WAY FORWARD DISCUSSION</b>	Wine & Grace: M Staton
<b>October 18 With Guests</b>	1930	Reception: T Wood & C Cleghorn Speaker—Andy & Claire Burnet, Choc oc co	Wine & Grace: P Avis Speaker's Host & VOT—K Furniss
<b>October 25 Business</b>	1300	Reception: R Fullard	Wine & Grace: J Thorpe
<b>November 1</b>	1300	Reception: P Everall Speaker—Sharon Hams, Alison White Appeal	Wine & Grace: M Hunt Speakers Host & VOT: C Chubb
<b>November 8 Committees</b>	1930	Reception : P Banham	Wine & Grace: A Stark
<b>November 15 With Guests</b>	1930	Reception: P Macdona & K Furniss Speaker— Andy Clarke, The History of Jazz	Wine & Grace: R Fullard Speaker's Host & VOT— S Webb
<b>November 22</b>	1300	Reception: A Bayliss <b>Election of Officers</b>	Wine & Grace: G Needham
<b>November 29</b>	1930	Reception: G Drewitt <b>Prospective Members Evening</b>	Wine & Grace: R Lacey
<b>December 6</b>	1300	Reception: S Webb Speaker: TBA	Wine & Grace: A Bayliss Speakers Host & VOT: R Fullard
<b>December 13 With Guests</b>	1930	Reception: A Stark & G Needham Christmas Dinner	Wine & Grace: T Wood
<b>December 20 Com/Fellowship</b>	1930	Reception: C Cleghorn	Wine & Grace: G Drewitt
<b>December 27</b>	-	<b>BANK HOLIDAY—NO MEETING</b>	-
<b>2006 January 3</b>		<b>DAY AFTER BANK HOLIDAY—NO MEETING</b>	-
<b>January 10 Committees</b>	1930	Reception: J Thorpe	Wine & Grace: C Chubb
<b>January 17 With Guests</b>	1930	Reception: R Fullard & C Chubb Speaker: TBA	Wine & Grace: C Cleghorn Speakers Host & VOT: J Hoswill

**Diary Dates – 2005-2006**

Oct 11 Discus the way forward  
 Oct 12 Ladies @ Doreen's 10.45am  
 Oct 13-16 District Conf—Torquay  
 Oct 19 Council  
 Oct 27 Theatre Trip—Salisbury  
 Oct 31 Final date for 'Shoe Boxes'  
 Nov 3 Golf in Dark  
 Nov 9 Ladies @ Karen's 10.45am

Nov 16 Council  
 Nov 22 Election of Officers  
 Nov 29 Prospective members  
 Dec 6 Ladies @ Dot's 7.30pm  
 Dec 13 Christmas Party  
 Dec 14 Council  
 Jan 11 Ladies @ Hazel's 10.45am  
 Jan 18 Council  
 Feb 22 Council  
 Mar 25 President's Night RMYC

Money well spent:  
 17/8 - £250 21st Bmth Scouts  
 17/8 - £750 Send a Cow  
 23/8 - £2500 Polio Plus  
 5/9 - £4500 Townsend Youth  
 P'ship Trust  
 17/9 - £100 BSVI  
 21/9 - £950 Aqua boxes

NOTE: All ladies are welcome to social events – the 'pink perils' will have space to fill in names - or contact Ted S for dinners, the appropriate organiser for other events.

Thanks to all contributors. More items always welcomed.

**DON'T FORGET IF YOU FAIL TO APOLOGISE BY 1pm THE MONDAY BEFORE A MEETING FOR NON-ATTENDANCE, YOU WILL PAY THE FULL PRICE OF THE MEAL!**