

# The Maidonian

## March 2019

# Rotary

## Club of Maidenhead



*The croci planted for the Purple4Polio campaign bloom in Sir Nicolas Winton's Memorial Garden in this month's lovely spring like weather.*



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7 Feb	Harry Patel
9 Feb	Yash Maudgil
6 Mar	Eddie Robinson
12 Mar	Jim Howles
15 Mar	Dai Waters
17 Mar	Pat Moore
20 Mar	Graham Fisher
25 Mar	Ron Walker
27 Mar	John Hudson
1 Apr	Tony Thakor
3 Apr	Brain Aldridge
3 Apr	Janet Perry
4 Apr	Amar Bhogal
5 Apr	Ian Thomas
5 Apr	Brain Wall
15 Apr	Ted Roffey
18 Apr	Cliff Hillman
24 Apr	David Puttnam

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## President's Report & Club News

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This is the first issue of The Maidonian since the end of 2018 and much has been happening in the club since the beginning of the year.

The club's first meeting of 2019 was on the 7<sup>th</sup> January when Paul Mapletoft gave his job talk. It was very interesting covering Paul's 20 years as an officer in the Royal Navy ( although some of it he could only mention in passing as it was top secret!) and his subsequent distinguished career in the engineering industry working on many fascinating projects.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> January our speaker was Emma who is a fund raiser from Berkshire Vision, who gave a most informative talk on the main causes of visual impairment and sight loss and how to prevent it. She also spoke of the work and help that Berkshire Vision give to blind and visually impaired people. Several of the volunteers from Maidenhead Blind Club also attended to hear the talk.

At the lunch meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> January there was a very inspiring talk from Major John McLean on his career with the Salvation Army since he joined it and the invaluable work the Salvation Army is doing in Maidenhead with the homeless and those with drug and alcohol problems. He also spoke of his plans to develop the work of the SA in Maidenhead.

Sadly, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January I attended the funeral of Bridget Lamb, at Reading Crematorium which was attended by a number of Club and Rotary family members. Afterwards Bridget's daughter Caroline told me how much she appreciated the attendance of Rotary members at the funeral.

The 24<sup>th</sup> January saw me attending Youth Speaks at Claire's Court school when I listened to two very interesting and informative talks by the teams taking part.



Finally on the 28<sup>th</sup> January it was the joint meeting of the Rotary clubs of Maidenhead at the Golf club. There were over 100 guests, and the District Governor Gillian Pearce also attended. Our speakers for the evening were two Rotary Scholars, Caitlin Dermody, who is doing an MSc in Education and Michelle Tran, who is also a US naval Officer and is doing a Masters in Water sciences policy and management. Both of them gave very impressive talks on their careers to date and their hopes for the future and using their expertise for good.

They were both very inspiring articulate and confident young women and I wish them every success in the future. It was a most enjoyable meeting and it was very gratifying to have so many people attending. Thanks must go to Mike Holness for organising the evening so well.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the business meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February due to illness; however, Mary Spinks stepped in at short notice to very capably stand in for me.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> February I attended an Orange Area meeting at the Palmers Arms with Paul Mapletoft and Frank Knowles. There was an update by Ian Griffiths on the OK our Kids booklet re safeguarding which is aimed at primary schools. Also, a discussion on joint ventures for fundraising etc, and what clubs wanted from District.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> February there was a very interesting talk on the origins and health benefits of the ancient Chinese exercise of Tai Chi given by my Tai Chi instructor Malcom Hensher. As both I and David and Barry can attest Tai Chi improves flexibility, mobility, balance, breathing and is very relaxing. (Continued over)

## Club News

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February our speaker was Judy Dixon from the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead Soroptimists providing a brief history of the Soroptimists. Their club takes an active interest in local issues and has been instrumental in helping with provision of mental health facilities in Windsor, and the construction of a YMCA hostel. They also provide editors and readers for talking newspapers for the blind. They also run various international projects to help women in developing countries.

Finally, I must mention the club's Wine Quiz which was held at the Rugby Club on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. It was a very convivial evening, with 8 wines to taste from around the world whilst trying to guess the answers to the quiz. Not surprisingly the questions seem to become more and more difficult for those attending as the wine tasting progressed... Great thanks must go to the fund raising committee for organising such an enjoyable and social event.

Anne Matkin



*Thanks to everyone who attended and organised the very successful Wine Quiz on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.*

## CLUB NEWS



Friday 1st March saw the 8th Maidenhead's Got Talent event organised by the Rotary clubs of Maidenhead. The event brought together an exciting mix of musical theatre, song and poetry in a celebration of our multi-culturism by local schools and performers. The event was held at the wonderful Taplow Court Concert Hall in two fabulous performances.



*Thank you again to all the Maidenhead Rotary Clubs and club members and partners who volunteered to help in the carpark, on reception, selling raffle tickets, running the bar, escorting the performers and providing lighting and sound expertise. Rotarians have talent too!*

### Did you miss our February evening meeting?

Thank you again to Graham Barker, High Sheriff of Berkshire, who joined us as a guest speaker to tell us about his historic and fascinating role.

The High Sheriff was originally the King's representative on taxation upholding the law in Saxon times.

The title is therefore much older than the other crown appointment, the Lord Lieutenant which came about after 1545.

Unlike the Lord Lieutenant who generally hold their appointment until their death or incapacity, the title of High Sheriff is appointed/reappointed annually. The High Sheriff is assisted by an Under-Sheriff of Berkshire.

The earliest recorded Sheriff was Godric, who was killed in 1066 and since 1800 there have only been 5 High Sheriffs from Maidenhead:

1822 Sir Gilbert East

1897 Henry Gold

1907 Major Edward Arthur Barry of Ockwells Manor

2014 Christopher Koo

and now Graham Barker

Graham told us of the modern role of the High Sheriff, which is now largely ceremonial, but carries the status of being the Queen's highest judicial officer in the county. The role involves a mix of ceremonial, charitable and community functions.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES 1936- 1939 - CONTRIBUTOR MIKE HOLNESS

In this four year period, whilst we do not have any of the Club records - we do know that Rotarians were very active in work in our community.

On the 28 May 1936 the Rotary Club of Maidenhead set out to found a branch of the Council for Social Service in Maidenhead, and its inaugural meeting was held on 4 December 1936. The Executive Committee included three members from our Club: Dr R Thomson (Chairman), Mr J Bell and Mr K Ruffe Thomas

On 5 March 1937, a provisional constitution was discussed at a General Meeting, and it was suggested that as a part of the new Council's work: ***“The institution of a Bureau of Information was brought up and it was decided to leave this to the Executive Committee as soon as suitable accommodation could be found.”***

On 25 November 1937, the aims of this Bureau of Information were confirmed as: ***“To give information, advice and assistance to poor persons seeking relief and compiling official forms.”***

June 1938: the committee set opening times to be 6:30-7:30pm on Mondays (with two committee members in attendance), although accommodation still had to be established.

5 December 1938: the Maidenhead Bureau of Information opened its doors 6-7pm at the Town Hall and the following article ran in the Maidenhead Advertiser on 7 December 1938:

### ***POOR MAN'S "LAWYER"***

*Attention is drawn to the scheme which the Maidenhead and District Council of Social Service has taken in hand, and which has been very aptly described as being in the nature of the "Poor Man's Lawyer. To people who are in any difficulty, and have no one to whom they can apply, this organisation will advise and help them without fee or charge. The Council will advise them on matters amongst others affecting compensation claims, pensions, rents, hire-purchase, insurance and out-relief. The Hon Secretary is Mr Sydney R Thompson JP., and applicants should attend at the Town Hall on Monday evenings from six to seven o'clock.*

At around this time the National Council of Social Service, supported by the Family Welfare Association, the Ministry of Health with other voluntary organisations and case-work agencies agreed to establish and operate centres to provide information in the event of war.

In the months after September 1939, hundreds of the centres, later named Citizen's Advice Bureau were formed across the country – something that our Club had already been running for nearly a year!!

And so over the last 80 years, we have maintained our support to the Maidenhead Citizen's Advice Bureau, with at least one member on the Executive Committee. It has of course evolved to be Citizen's Advice Maidenhead & Windsor governed by a Trustee Board.

It is open four days a week in Maidenhead, with drop in sessions at Windsor Library, Woodlands Park, Datchet - Bridge Café and Dedworth Medical Centre.

Note: Much of this piece has been unashamedly lifted from the 2008 Maidenhead CAB report, which celebrated its seventy years of service in our community.

**To be continued ...**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ROTARY CLUB OF MAIDENHEAD



### CHARITY GOLF CHALLENGE

Thursday 13th June 2019  
Maidenhead Golf Club  
Shoppenhangers Road, SL6 2PZ

Buffet Lunch served from Noon  
Drinks at Halfway House  
3 Course Dinner plus Prizes & Auction

18 Hole Stableford Competition (Teams of 4)

Entrance fee £360 per Team or as an individual £90  
Additional Guests for evening meal £25

For further information and entry form contact  
David Cager 01344 886440 Email: [dcager@btinternet.com](mailto:dcager@btinternet.com)



Anong  
Thai  
Restaurant

Tuesday 2nd April

Another chance to enjoy this  
award winning Cookham  
Restaurant.

Details will be circulated  
shortly

Contact Ian Thomas for  
more information



Our March evening meeting speaker is Ian Ross, U3A

U3A (University of the Third Age) is a UK movement of retired and semi-retired people who come together to continue their educational, social and creative interests in a friendly and informal environment

In Maidenhead, there are over 600 members and 73 group activities running each month.

Please note there will be no evening meeting April due to Bank Holidays.

## THE ANONYMOUS JOKER

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him. As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?" The man replied: "Got here in two, didn't I?"

A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year, which means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She said: "What are your golf clubs doing here?" He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 3-iron standing over a lifeless man. The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?" "Yes" says the woman. "Did you hit him with that golf club?" "Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club and puts her hands on her face. "How many times did you hit him?" "I don't know -- put me down for a five."

### HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.  
- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.  
- Kristen, age 10

### WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.  
- Camille, age 10

### IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.  
- Anita, age 9

### WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.  
- Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.  
- Martin, age 10

### HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?  
Kelvin, age 8

### HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.  
- Derrick, age 8

### WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

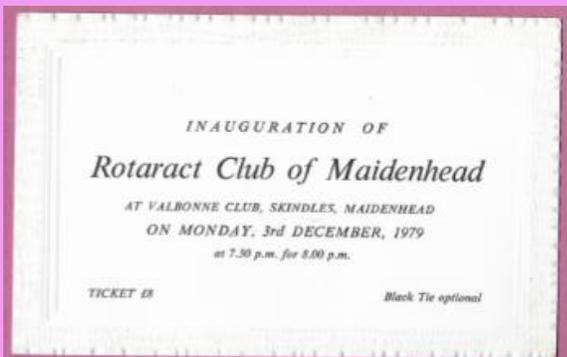
When they're rich.  
- Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.  
- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.  
- Howard, age 8

# ROTARY PAST

Thank you to Julia Foulds for providing photos and clippings from a Maidenhead Rotaract scrapbook covering the period 1979-1981



## Rotaract charter night

The first president of the newly formed Maidenhead Rotaract Club, Mr. Nick Winton (pictured, centre) was presented with his badge of office at a special ceremony at Skindles Valbonne Club on Monday night.

Doing the honours was the president of Maidenhead Rotary Club, Mr. Donald Reid (left), while Mr. Don Sawyer, district conference-secretary of Marlow Rotary Club (right) displayed the Rotaract Club's new charter certificate.

The gathering at the Valbonne Club marked the official formation of the club, which has been in existence since February.

Its organisation comes under the wing of Rotary International.

Rotaract is open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 25, and its aims are to help the local community as well as organising social gatherings.

In its 18 months of existence, the new club has raised £700 for St. Mark's Hospital, and has helped in other community projects. It aims to have two major fund-raising events a year and is currently planning a sponsored pedal car race to be held at Botolph Claydon in May.

Meetings are held every second and fourth Monday in the month at the Rose public house in King St at 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to know more about the club and its work can telephone Mr. Winton on Maidenhead 33174.

The presentation of the charter was witnessed by 162 guests from Rotary, Round Table and Lions clubs from as far away as Dunstable and Oxford. And Mr. Winton's inauguration as president was witnessed by his father, Mr. Nicky Winton, who is a well-known member of Maidenhead Rotary Club.



Although the Rotary movement was founded in Chicago in 1905 it was not until 1928 that the Maidenhead club was formed. Since then it has always been vigorous and was instrumental in forming clubs in Slough, Windsor and Marlow.

Today it continues strong and has both Rotaract and Probus, a group for the retired which shares the aims of Rotary, to join its activities.

Members of Rotaract with chairman Nicky Winton junior (right).

Toasting the Rotary Wheel at Monkey Island during the dinner and dance (from left to right) Mr. N. Winton (junior), Mrs. Moyagh Reid, the president's wife, president Mr. Don Reid, the Mayor (Cdr. Mrs. Joyce Fotherby), Mr. David Brookman, Mrs. Judy Brookman, Mr. Godfrey Chappies and Mrs. Marlon Chappies.

Interest meeting held - Feb 12th 1979  
Formation meeting held - Feb 26th 1979

## Maidenhead Rotaract Club Meeting

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## DUTY STEWARDS

### March

1 Maidenhead's Got Talent		
4 (Lunch) Janet Rose, Family Friends	Ian Thomas	Peter Hughes
5 Rotaract Meeting	Eddie Robinson	
11 (Lunch) Gurdial Singh Induction	Barry Thorne	Pat Lattimer
18 (Lunch) RBWM, Ageing Well	Ron Walker	Tony Lodge
25 (Evening) Ian Ross, U3A	Mike Holness	

### April

1 (Lunch) Business Meeting	Dai Waters	Howard McBrien
2 Rotaract Meeting	Graham Brunsden	
8 (Lunch) TBA	Lindsey Allen-Urwin	Paul Mapletoft
15 (Lunch) Stan Chandler, Hillingdon RAF Bunker	Gurdip Bahra	David Matkin
22 (No meeting due to Bank Holiday)		
29 (Lunch) TBA	Amar Bhogal	John Miles Griffiths

### May

6 (No meeting)		
7 Rotaract Meeting	Eddie Clarke	
13 (Lunch)	Geoff Blacker	David Matkin
20 (Lunch)	Graham Brunsden	John Miles Griffiths
27 (No meeting)		

### ROTARIAN STEWARDS—PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE BY 12.15 HRS FOR LUNCH MEETINGS

If for any reason you are unable to carry out your duties It is your responsibility to find a suitable replacement Rotarian for your role and advise the secretary accordingly.

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

#### February

<b>Peter Silverthorne</b>	<b>37 years</b>
<b>Ron Walker</b>	<b>31 Years</b>

#### March

<b>Tony McHugh</b>	<b>45 Years</b>
<b>Mike Holness</b>	<b>23 Years</b>
<b>Ian Thomas</b>	<b>35 Years</b>
<b>Cliff Hillman</b>	<b>18 Years</b>
<b>Brian Wall</b>	<b>15 Years</b>

#### April

<b>Yash Maudgil</b>	<b>9 Years</b>
<b>Ted Roffey</b>	<b>36 Years</b>
<b>Klaus Schulte</b>	<b>27 Years</b>
<b>Tony Hill</b>	<b>28 Years</b>
<b>Cen Miles Griffiths</b>	<b>44 Years</b>
<b>Jim Howles</b>	<b>3 Years</b>
<b>Eddie Robinson</b>	<b>3 Years</b>
<b>David Puttnam</b>	<b>17 Years</b>