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STUDENT OF THE TERM AWARDS

Our Students of the Term were:

- Kacey Musson-Brown (Didcot Girls School), accompanied by her mother;
- Tom Pooley (UTC), accompanied by his mother.

Kacey was nominated for coping with the demands of school while being a carer for her mother and stepfather. This is very difficult especially when her mother is ill. Kacey doesn't get holidays or days out, and can't invite friends to come round.

Tom has been at the UTC since 2015. He is well liked and respected for supporting and mentoring other students, including in his own time. He

shows determination, commitment and resilience. Tom is studying BTEC Level 3 in Engineering and Computer Science. He values the projects and experiences that the UTC offers him. He is a competitive trampolinist and qualified judge, and is hoping to qualify as a coach. Tom's ambition is to study Electrical Engineering at university but he is also considering apprenticeships.



Club President Pam with Tom and Kacey

D DAY SERVICE 2019: THANK YOU DIDCOT ROTARY CLUB

From: Harwell Secretary <Harwell.Secretary@rbl.community>
Subject: D Day Service 2019 Thank You Didcot Rotary Club
Date: 9 July 2019 at 15:21:05 BST

Dear Ms. Toppin, Secretary Didcot Rotary Club,
Ms. Siggers, President, Didcot Rotary Club,

Please find attached a letter of thanks for your participation at this year's service.

I also attach the group photograph taken on the day, further photographs can be found by following the links in the letter.

Thank you for your support,

Peter Cox
Harwell RBL Branch Secretary and Poppy Appeal Organiser Harwell
Copy to Peter Davies, Ceremonial Officer, Harwell RBL
Hazel Benton, Poppy Appeal Organiser Chilton





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27th June 2019

To: Pam Siggers, President, Didcot Rotary Club

On behalf of the Officers and Committee of the Royal British Legion Harwell Branch:

I am writing to thank you for your participation in the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D Day at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone on Saturday June 8th 2019, and for laying a wreath on behalf of Didcot Rotary Club at this notable occasion.

We greatly appreciate that you continue to recognise and mark with us the sacrifices made by all who served nationally and especially at RAF Harwell during the momentous events of 75 years ago.

We also appreciate your generous donation to the Poppy Appeal in respect of the wreath.

We would be interested in any comments you have on the event.

We hope that we can look forward to your organisation's involvement at next year's Commemoration, the provisional date is Saturday 6th June.

Photographs can be found by following these links:

[Harwell RBL Facebook Page](#)

[Simon Haycox Flickr Page](#)

Yours sincerely,

Peter Cox
Hon. Secretary
Royal British Legion Harwell Branch

LIVE ON

1090 IN ACTION: MAKING A BETTER WORLD.

District Governor Frank Quinn visited us on 25th July to outline his plans.

Frank has been a Rotarian since 1997, when he joined Thatcham Rotary Club. Frank showed a video of the presentation to incoming District Governors by Mark Maloney, the Rotary International President for 2019-20, outlining the need to grow new Clubs and adopt new models of membership.

Frank's Key Goals are:

- ❖ Increase membership - average age of UK Rotarians is 74 - membership is declining in the developed world but increasing elsewhere;
- ❖ Improve Rotary's public image_ the District Public Image Team and Rotary Branding Centre are underused;
- ❖ End polio.

Frank has nine Assistant Governors to support him, with Joy Arnott taking over as AG for our area (Red Zone) this year.

A survey by Johns Hopkins University has revealed that Rotary volunteers provide 45 million hours of voluntary service worldwide - the paid work equivalent would cost \$850 million.

Rotary needs flexibility in its approach to survive, and must harvest captive audiences, such as parents at Youth Speaks events.

Frank's charities for 2019/20 are Hope and Homes for Children and End Polio Now.



DG Frank Quinn at his inauguration event

TRUCK FESTIVAL 26-28 JULY 2019

SPECIAL TRUCK FESTIVAL SOUVENIR EDITION COMING SOON



GRANTS AND DONATIONS AGREED

Members have agreed to cover half the funding shortfall requested by Life Education caravans to cover their work at Blewbury, East Hagbourne and South Moreton Schools.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF BLEWSHED?

BlewShed, in Blewbury, is part of the UK Men's Sheds Association. The Sheds (over 500 now open across the UK) provide community spaces for men to have fun, learn/practise skills and be creative. They can also help reduce loneliness and isolation.

We've funded a Band Saw and Bench Drill for BlewShed, and Club member Ilias Mavroleon represented us when BBC South Today visited. He didn't get a chance to speak, but there was a very quick flash of one of our machines, engraved with our name.

Dear Liz,

Just a formal thank you for the equipment the Didcot Rotary Club provided to Blewshed. I would be grateful if you could pass our thanks to all of your members at your next meeting.

Ilias Mavroleon saw the band saw in action when BBC South TV filmed us earlier in the month, when the UK Mens' Sheds Association president was also interviewed. The whole day was a great success, and has generated much local interest!

Best regards,
Dr Brian Lewis,
Blewshed Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2019	
Thurs 1st	FELLOWSHIP
Thurs 8th	SPEAKER: STAN ELDON - 'LIFE ON THE RUN'
Thurs 15th	FELLOWSHIP
Thurs 22nd	SPEAKER: RTN DR JOHN PHILIP - "I'M NOT MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"
Thurs 29th	5TH THURSDAY EVENT - VISIT TO CHILTERN VALLEY WINERY
SEPTEMBER 2019	
THURS 5th	FELLOWSHIP
THURS 12th	SPEAKER: SUPT RORY FREEMAN, THAMES VALLEY COMMANDER, SOUTH OXON - POLICING IN SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE
THURS 19th	BUSINESS
THURS 26th	SPEAKER: RTN DEBORAH HOLLAND AXTELL - ROTARY'S PUBLIC IMAGE
OCTOBER 2019	
Thurs 3rd	FELLOWSHIP
Thurs 10th	SPEAKER: JENNY CANE, HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN
Thurs 17th	BUSINESS
Thurs 24th	SPEAKER: RTNS TONY & LYNN BARTLEY, 'OK OUR KIDS'
Thurs 31st	5TH THURSDAY EVENT TBA

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