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#### AQUABOX UPDATE

Rtn David Sutherland of RC Marlow Thames visited us on 14 November to update us on Aquabox and their latest projects around the world.



*David is welcomed to the Club by David West, President Elect*

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A team from our Club had an enjoyable evening at Abingdon Rotary Club's annual Charity Quiz on 8 November, at Steventon Village Hall. Contestants racked their brains over seven tortuous

rounds, including 'Where on Earth', 'Missing Link' and 'Get Me Out Of Here'. Question delivery and scoring were delivered in multimedia formats.

## DANCING FOR CHARITY

Well done to Rtn Alan and Caroline Binning for organising the Charity Barn Dance in Steventon Village Hall on 23 November.

Liz, Jenny, David, Shelagh, Richard, Dorothy, Joe and Janet put on their dancing shoes to represent the Club. Some of us had planned to watch, rather than participate, but the mood

was infectious and we soon got into the swing of things. We were making it up as we went along, but enjoyed the dancing, thanks to support from the more experienced Barn Dancers, who pushed, pulled and generally steered us in the right direction. The band and caller were excellent, and we really appreciated the delicious Country Supper.



*It helps if you all move at the same time.....*



*'Swing your partner'*



## STUDENTS OF THE TERM AWARDS - 28 NOVEMBER

Our Students of the Term were:

- Grace Simpson (Didcot Girls School), accompanied by her mother;
- Emily Newman (Aureus), accompanied by her parents;
- Christina Reid (UTC), accompanied by her parents.

### Grace Simpson

Grace is in Year 10. She was nominated for her excellent and selfless contribution to school life.

Grace thanked her teachers for nominating her and thanked the Club for the award. She is a Teaching and Learning Leader and Form Captain. She

has raised money for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and makes audio books for students with dyslexia. She participates in online tutoring for Kenyan students, volunteers at Didcot Library, and is involved in Oxfordshire Young People's Advisory Forum.



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### Emily Newman

Emily was nominated for embodying Aureus values; she is responsible, enthusiastic, and helps others.

Emily told members that she enjoys school, and belongs to the school Netball Club.



## Christina

Christina joined the UTC in September. She is a committed student who works hard to maximise her learning and is a real asset to the school.

Christina thanked members and said it was a great honour to be receiving the award, which is totally unexpected. Her school career before UTC was difficult,

and she didn't always fit in, being ambitious, curious and eager to ask difficult questions. Everything changed when she joined the UTC, where she was no longer 'new kid on the block'. Her natural curiosity and ambition are appreciated, and this has boosted her ambitions and attainment.



*Emily, Grace and Christina, with Club President Pam Siggers*

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## GRANTS AND DONATIONS AGREED

Donation to Ben Goodall, tumbling gymnast, towards competing at upcoming World Age Championships in Tokyo. Ben is currently British National Champion in the 17-21 age group.

**REPORT ON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE IN NEW YEAR BULLETIN**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>JANUARY 2020</b>	
Thurs 2nd	FELLOWSHIP
Thurs 9th	SPEAKER: RTN CHARLES CAIRNS – YOUTH PROGRAMMES
Thurs 16th	SPEAKER: PRESIDENT PAM SIGGERS –‘THIS IS ME’
Thurs 23rd	BUSINESS
Thurs 30th	5 <sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY EVENT TBC – POSSIBLE SOCIAL EVENT WITH OUR ROTARY SCHOLARS
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>	
Thurs 6th	FELLOWSHIP
Thurs 13th	SPEAKER: IAN TALBOT (RTD BRIGADIER) - SSAFA
Thurs 20th	BUSINESS
Thurs 27th	SPEAKER TBA
<b>2020</b>	
Thurs 5th	STUDENTS OF THE TERM AWARDS PRESENTATION
Thurs 12th	FELLOWSHIP
Fri - Sun 13th -15th	DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NEWBURY RACECOURSE
Thurs 19th	BUSINESS
Thurs 26th	SPEAKER: JEANETTE MCPHAIL - UPDATE ON LIFE EDUCATION (DIDCOT AREA)

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