



Youth, Community & International Committee

Minutes - V1

19 March 2026, 8.30 pm (after the Carnival Committee meeting)

At Pascale's

Attendees: Peter Banwell, Dave Edwards, Henry Garwaithe, Gary Gleeson, Pascale Searle, Mike Stacey + Ian Summerfield

Apologies: Avis Fowler, Ros Lucy, Ed Syrett, Heather Syrett

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MINUTES

1. Review of last meeting minutes

The committee approved last meeting minutes

2. Review of last meeting actions

ACTION	LEAD	STATUS
RotaKids: Henry and Simon to go and visit the school (Rushmere Academy)	Henry	Ongoing - waiting for Simon to arrange
Henry to work on a plan for the Sleep Out initiative	Henry	Ongoing - Henry to get in touch with Director of Parks to see if this would be an option - <u>Delayed until Mike takes over.</u> Henry in conversation with Alex Jackson. The sleep out might take place over a few days. <u>Next step:</u> Henry and Alex to discuss what they might like to do.
Pascale to chase Dick re speaking to LLTC to see if Awards linked to local groups can be part of their Young Stars Award scheme	Pascale	See Dick's email on 16 February (*Below) - Young Stars award deadline is 20 February 2026 (see About Town entry for February - April 2026) - <u>Paused until Robin joins this committee</u>
Ed to speak to Simon to get a sign done for the crocus bedding	Ed	Ongoing - the bulbs have started to come out. <u>Ed to update</u> <u>Next year: find other venues in Linslade or Heath and Reach?</u>
Senior Citizen's tea party - contact care homes etc.	Henry/ Gary/ Avis	Ongoing
Senior Citizen's tea party - share the list with Avis as to who should be contacted	Henry	Ongoing

Senior Citizen's tea party - create an invite	Gary	Done
Sedan chair - progress this project	Dave/Henry	See below
Children Fun day - Mike and Henry to work on the admin and to contact the school	Mike/Henry	Mike and Henry to meet urgently to discuss
Calendar idea - present at business meeting	Pascale	Not done (see comment below)
Calendar idea - Pascale to work on some costings	Pascale	Not done (see comment below)
Big Help Out - Needs investigating	All	Ongoing - needs actioning
Gary to check with Jeff at Vandyke whether they have sorted out the transport - Gary to ask for volunteers/judges from the club	Gary	Done
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Calendar idea - Pascale to work on some costings	Pascale	Not done (see comment below)

3. Senior Tea Citizens party - 11 April 2026

- Flyers distributed by Henry
- Henry visited/due to visit 3 care homes: St George/Labornum Court / Leighton Rose and the 55up Club
- Henry working on the list of invitees with Avis

- Henry to take charge of the list of invitees, the food, the rota, the hall decorations, the transport arrangements

4. Rotary Participation at the Carnival - 11 July 2026

19th March carnival meeting (attended by Dave, Henry and Ian): the carnival committee liked the idea of 4 Sedan chairs. How to use them is yet to be determined.

The carnival committee might like to use a chair to advertise the forthcoming carnival. They would decorate the chair and transport the carnival princess in it.

There will be 2 pages in the carnival programme for Rotary one for YWC and the other for the Sedan chair

Agree: ask the Rotary at the next board meeting if they would like to have a float. Peter's vehicles committed to YWC - Ask Helen if she would be interested and take it forward. Sell Pimms off the truck?

5. District 1260 Rotary Children's Fun Day 2026 - 10 June

The form has now gone out. Henry and Mike to work on the admin part of it - **Deadline 15 April**
They are also to contact - Rushmere Academy and ask how many/from which year would like to take part

Notes:

The school has to organise the transport/ the lunch for them to the zoo
Heather, Avis and Mike to help on the day

Action: Henry and Mike to meet URGENTLY in view of the 15 April deadline

6. Technology competition - Friday 13th March

See Summary from Gary:

Double victory for Vandyke Upper School at the District 1260 Technology Tournament.

The Senior and Intermediate teams from Vandyke Upper School won 2 out of 3 trophies at the District 1260 Technology Tournament in Luton on Friday 13th March.

There were nearly 40 teams taking part in the tournament this year and the teams had to construct a vehicle which moved using a dropping weight. They were marked on how far along an incline it could travel in a straight line.

The quality of the work done by the Vandyke teams was by far the best.
Once the school have provided links to social media I will repost them here.
The Club provided funds to cover the costs, a good investment!

7. Calendar idea

We had another discussion about this and decided that this was perhaps not the right time to proceed with this idea. It was felt that family calendars and/or virtual ones were more in demand these days. And, that if we were to produce any, people would feel obliged to buy them rather than really want to buy them

8. AOB

Away/unwell

Ros away from January to May 2026

Avis operation on 18th of February - out of action for 6 weeks

- The Big Help Out will return on 5-8 June 2026. We could have a Rotary award for Young People helping during that meeting - Need more investigation!
- Gary keen to have a Rotary stall at the Canal Festival. We should also perhaps have one at May Fayre.

09. New Actions

ACTION	LEAD
Ask at the next business meeting if the Club would like to have a float at the Carnival	Pascale

10. Date of next meeting

16 April, Clay Pipe Pub, 7.30pm (Pascale has now booked a table)