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**OUR NEW ROTARY YEAR  
HAS BEGUN**

ENGAGE  
ROTARY



CHANGE  
LIVES

**EDITORIAL**

*Not so much an editorial but the musings of famous world travellers, Barry & Val Cleveland, on their travels in that little island, Great Britain .....*

**TRAVEL 2014**

Over the years we have driven through Devon en route to Cornwall and back, but never stopped to explore the county. Well, when a week's timeshare was offered near Newton Abbot, we took it (the drive from there to our next timeshare week in Scotland notwithstanding!)

Our suite on the tidal Teign estuary was very comfortable, well-appointed and admirably suited for exploration – which we did to near-exhaustion. One just cannot fit all the things we wanted to do into a single week; so we may well be back at some future date.

Jane, our SatNav was in her element. She enjoys exploring 'short cuts' along B routes and Dartmoor is like a spider's web of them. We let her have her head for the first Sunday, despite far more sensible A routes, according to our road map. However there is a certain abject terror which prevails while driving along winding roads with tall hedgerows brushing BOTH wing mirrors – knowing that at any time there could be vehicles coming the other way. The consequence (and there were many) is that one vehicle has to reverse back to the nearest layby. Jane loved it, and to her credit she did get us to Becky Falls and Canonteign. The latter claims the highest waterfall in England – 70m, which we climbed. ("My shower is higher than that" – Andrew). A very special area is Dartmoor National Park.

In contrast the next day was spent on public transport: a 30 minute steam train to Kingswear, a 5 minute ferry trip across the River Dart to Dartmouth and an hour's river cruise up the lovely estuary. We passed the imposing Naval College as well as a number of naval training vessels, manned by apparently fully armed naval cadets. Our captain encouraged us to wave to them, but suggested we be careful with ambiguous hand signals, as their guns were probably loaded.....!

Day 3 called for some exercise, so we thought we would do the coastal path from Shaldon to Torquay and catch a bus back. From the map it looked like about 6 miles – no problem...

Problem: 6 miles is how a crow would fly the route. Give that crow hiking boots and it would take the same decision as we did: call it quits at Maidencombe (about two thirds of the way) and enjoy a toasted crab sandwich on the patio at Orestone restaurant. The views along the route were just superb, but the undulating coast path was of Otter Trail proportions.

In the afternoon Val wanted to see Overbeck's, a National Trust administered historical mansion high on the cliffs beyond Salcombe. It was interesting but the real 'find' was Salcombe, and we decided to return and explore the village and surrounds. This we did a couple of days later. The coast at this point is mainly cliffs with occasional inlets and river estuaries.



**I think I know why Barry & Val like Salcombe! It reminds them of the waterways of the Marina, I think they may be homesick?**

Salcombe is on the large Knightsbridge estuary, quite an appealing village. Not of Polperro appeal, but similar in style and character. Castle ruins on the headlands indicate its strategic defensive position during the Civil War. It was royalty's last holdout from Cromwell's hordes. Many ships smashed themselves against the cliffs over the years too.

We did the cliff path to Soar Mill Cove and back. A genuine contour this time; in fact the reason we turned back at this point is that the path descended steeply to the Cove. As we were hesitating at the top, an approaching perspiring local greeted us with "I hope you enjoy the trip down as much as I have coming up."

We turned back.

'Rosemoor' was high on Val's list of 'musts', so we drove out to Great Torrington (on A roads, to Jane's disappointment) and spent the morning drifting around this gem of the National Horticultural Society. It has been a glorious spring and early summer in Devon and Barry didn't even complain about the 3 hours spent there. It really was exquisite.

The afternoon found us in Parke Estate, on the outskirts of Bovey Tracey, a National Trust area of forest and streams which was FREE!! (National Trust mostly know how to charge non-members). It seemed to be used mostly by locals and their dogs.

We were so taken by the River Dart that we decided to walk 4 miles along its banks from Totnes, the limit of its navigability down to Dittisham (pronounced 'Ditsum' by the locals) and catch a ferry back. Not possible: there is no landing between Dartmouth and Totnes (about 8 miles), so we walked both ways, stopping for lunch at a very appealing pub at Tuckenhay on the banks of a small tributary.

Next, the 8 odd hours' drive to South Ayrshire in Scotland....

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## MEETING OF 25 JUNE 2014


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### ATTENDANCE

**Membership:** 29  
**Present:** 7  
**Make Ups:** 5  
**Apologies:** 6  
**Attendance:** 45%

Attendance to Ann 082 664 6453 or annodriscoll9@gmail.com.

**Visitors:** Keela O'Driscoll.

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## KROMBOOM RAID – WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2014

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Rotary Wynberg made a raid on Rotary Kromboom. Apart from enjoying the evening, Biffy Danckwerts and Graham Parkhurst (Rotary Kromboom) gave talks on our respective Rotary Health Days which elicited much discussion.

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## ROTARY WYNBERG STEP STUDENT – ALINA TOPP

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Rotary Wynberg is the sponsoring Club of STEP student Alina Topp, from Germany 'out', and she'll be visiting South Africa and Cape Town over the period 5 July – 12 August 2014.

Alina will be hosted by Steve & Nicole Lay and their daughter Sarah who is a Grade 11 student at Westerford High School. Sarah will be going over to Germany later in 2014.

Alina will be fulfilling a dream she's held since the age of 12 to visit South Africa!

Alina and her host Parents and Sarah will be joining Rotary Wynberg for our meeting on Thursday 10 July 2014 when she'll be addressing the Club and telling us all about herself.

Apart from being hosted by the Lays she'll be joining a group of other Exchange students on a trip to Mpumalanga on 20 July through to 1 August 2014.

Depending on her itinerary it is hoped that Rotary Wynberg members may like to offer to host Alina and Sarah to something in Cape Town, .... a hike, a show, a meal, anything interesting and exciting for them?

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## DUTY ROSTER

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<b>DUTY</b>	<b>3 July</b>	<b>10 July</b>	<b>17 July</b>	<b>24 July</b>
Sergeant	Overbosch	Todd	Gowdy	Van Wyk
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll
Wynpress Editorial	van Niekerk	Barnard	Bird	Bredenkamp
Minutes for Wynpress	Danckwerts	Wetmore	Wetmore	Danckwerts
Compilation of Wynpress	Wetmore	Danckwerts	Wetmore	Wetmore
Door Duty	van Niekerk	Du Plessis	Gavin	Gowdy
Grace	Williams	Howard	Jackson	Klotz-Gleave
Loyal Toast	Du Plessis	Klotz-Gleave	Lidgley	Michalowsky
International Toast	van Wyk	Munday	Murphy	O'Driscoll
Speaker Introduction	N/A	TBA	TBA	TBA
Speaker Thanks	N/A	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel

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## PRESIDENT'S QUOTES

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Being a Kromboom Raid there are no President's quote this week. The new President may, however, want to do things differently, I'm sure we'll know in due course .....

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## PROGRAMME

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July 2014	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, van Niekerk
2 July	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
3 July	Business Meeting
4 July	Independence Day in USA
10 July	STEP student - Alina Topp and her host parents the Lays visit Rotary Wynberg
10 July	Retreat Rotaract meeting
16 July	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
17 July	Normal Meeting
18 July	Mandela Day
21 July	Schools reopen
24 July	Normal Meeting
24 July	Retreat Rotaract meeting
31 July	Social

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## JACKPOT:

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No Jackpot last week but 'The Committee' has had numerous meetings recently and you'll all be informed of the deliberations of this august body!

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## TAIL PIECE:

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**Fact of the Day:** The word the Arabic word for fingers, days before genetic made a lot of sense – thinner and just a few inches grateful that the same literal applied to the rather more buy in supermarkets today). have a completely different call it *muz*, which, in a the root word for the genus taxonomy – referring, of



family.

'banana' comes from *al-banaan*. Back in the modification, this bananas were much long (we can all be approach was not phallic examples we Oddly enough, Arabs word for the fruit. They pleasing symmetry, is *musa* in Linnaean course, to the banana

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