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Meetings at Donnington Valley Hotel, Oxford Road, Donnington on Mondays at 6 for 6.15 p.m. except Bank Holidays (no meeting) and fifth Mondays of the month when different times and locations may apply.

Apologies. Please notify all apologies and details of guests attending Club Meetings to Dickins Hopgood Chidley's receptionist on (01488) 683555 by 10.45 am on Monday mornings. Alternatively, please email your apologies to dhc@dhc-solicitors.co.uk We have to notify the hotel with numbers by 11.15 am.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	PROGRAMME	RACE NIGHT
<p>13th February Race Night, Portal Hall, Burghclere</p> <p>Feb 27th Collection at Tesco</p> <p>Mar 19-21st District Conference, Eastbourne</p> <p>March 25 District Council, Benson</p> <p>Friday 26th March Collection Day at Racecourse</p> <p>17th April Stroke Awareness, Chef's Challenge and start of Keep Fit Fortnight.</p> <p>Sunday 16th May Sponsored Walk/Quiz/Treasure Hunt</p> <p>Mid June Kids Out</p> <p>19th June Assistance at Guide Centenary at Newbury Show Ground</p> <p>28th June 2010 Outgoing President's Meeting Charter Dinner</p> <p>21-27th August Barge Week</p>	<p>Feb 8 Ambassadorial Scholar</p> <p>Feb 15 James Rees—Samaritans Chris Whittaker</p> <p>Feb 22 Club Service (Membership)</p> <p>Mar 1 Business Meeting</p> <p>Mar 8 Mr. Saint</p> <p>Mar 15 Tessa ABC to Read</p> <p>Mar 22 Margaret Moss Motor Neurone Association (John Winchcombe)</p> <p>Mar 29 FIFTH MONDAY K. Tomey Snelmore Ranger 7 for 7.30 with partners and guests.</p> <p>Apr 5 Bank Holiday—No Meeting</p> <p>Apr 12 Business Meeting</p> <p>Apr 19 International - Nigel Woof or another on Map Action in Haiti</p> <p>Apr 26 A.G.M.</p>	<p>Portal Hall Burghclere</p> <p>Saturday 13th February</p> <p>Tickets £10 to include a Fish and Chip Supper</p> <p>Bar will be provided</p> <p>First Race 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>More numbers desirable.</p> <p>Helpers required on Saturday afternoon</p> <hr/> <p>Club Council Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 5.30 at Griffins.</p>

MapAction

MapAction is a small UK charity which provides information management and coordination for natural disasters. Apart from 2 paid staff it depends on volunteers whose employers kindly allow them to drop everything to deploy to a disaster site normally arriving within 24 -36 hours for a two week period. They take hi-tech computer based mapping and satellite communications systems with them; other volunteers provide data backup from UK. The team is normally called out by the UN within hours of a disaster and, once in the field, they provide the "operational picture" based on whatever information, mapping, imagery etc is available and deliver it either using the web or as paper copies to all involved in the operation. As at 28 January 8 team members are deployed in Haiti with another 4 ready to take when the first group have to return to their regular jobs.

MapAction's first mission was to Sri Lanka in response to the Tsunami in Dec 04. Since then it has deployed to most major disasters worldwide including, in recent months, the flooding in Manila and the Sumatra earthquake. It remains the only organisation in the world able to provide a rapidly deployable capability which is vital in the chaotic early period after a disaster strikes. Initial funding from the Vodafone Foundation ended in 2008 and support from the UK Department for International Development ends this year. The EC provides some money under certain circumstances but otherwise the charity depends on whatever donations it can attract. The generous donation from the Newbury Rotary Club is thus very much appreciated.