

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

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From The President's Desk

Rising to the Challenge

In our busy lives finding time to make a real difference through Rotary can sometimes be a challenge. During the lead up to taking on the role of President one sensibly takes some steps to clear the desks to make the very best of the year. Alas demands of business life and family responsibilities cannot always be planned for.

Having been reduced to limited appearances for a few weeks in March, I am especially grateful to Senior Vice President Alan Page for taking the helm on a number of occasions. One of the strengths of the Club is the way in which members rally around and rise to the challenge.

As illustrated by the Calendar of Events (page 5) there is still much in the pipeline for this Rotary Year, hence there are good reasons to be enthusiastic about the efforts of the Club. Lets keep enjoying the challenges and making a difference.

Yours in Rotary,

Philip ❖

Manningtree Triumph Again In Annual Tenpin Challenge

Words By Malcolm Reece

Pictures By Gordon Kember

One of these days we will find a tenpin bowler who is so talented that Manningtree Rotarians will wonder what has hit them. Ah well, for the moment.. dream on.



Our President's wife Susan Morgan appears well on course for a strike

The reality is that at the end of our annual Kingpin clash with Manningtree on 29th March, they once again put us to the sword and beat us by a margin of 365 points. As usual, we bowed to their superiority with good grace before retiring upstairs to enjoy the sausage rolls, prawn dips and other delights laid on by Richard and his staff.

Richard, being the gentleman that he is, plus President Philip, thanked Manningtree for once again giving us a good thrashing, while Manningtree's President, Paul Leech, expressed his delight that they continued to be better bowlers than us – and thanked us for our generosity and Rotary fellowship.

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RIBI Conference 13 – 15 April 2007

From RIBI News

The winners of the Rotary Young Citizens Award will be presented with their prizes on Saturday 14th April at the RIBI conference at 11.30 and this will be broadcast live on BBC News 24.

Speakers include Julian Fellowes, Andrew Neil and, of course, RI President Bill Boyd.

Around 3000 delegates from more than twenty countries will be in Bournemouth for the annual RIBI conference at the Bournemouth International Centre, where the accent this year will be on youth. It is the largest annual gathering of members of RIBI.

The conference activities will be underlining one of the key principles of Rotary – that of Service above Self and that Rotarians work to improve the quality of life for others. A keynote address will be given by Rotary International President Bill Boyd on Rotary programmes for literacy, water, health and poverty. This year in particular the conference will be addressing issues relating to young people, with key note addresses from broadcaster Andrew Neil who will speak in support of Barnado's, and actor/ writer Julian Fellowes who will speak on facing Cancer Today. The conference objective will continue with a key note address by Chris Moon on the issue of landmines and the work of Adopt a Minefield campaign. Clearing landmines in Mozambique in 1995 he stood on a landmine and lost both his lower right leg and right arm.

On the international front Ken Behring, Chairman Wheelchair Foundation will give an update on the work of the Foundation. It is one of the preferred international projects this year for RIBI.

President of RIBI Peter Offer said: "Rotary works in many ways with young people on Rotary programmes, projects and initiatives to assist them in achieving their goals. We are very proud of our competitions for youth including Young Musician, Rotary Young Chef and Rotary Youth Speaks. The Rotary Youth Leadership awards afford an excellent opportunity for young people to develop and mature in an outward bound environment. Many young disabled people participate in the Rotary Disabled Games and many clubs are active in supporting young sports men and women to achieve their potential especially with regard to the 2012 Olympics. At the conference we are looking to engage



At the end of an enjoyable evening President Philip Morgan presented the bowling trophy to the Manningtree team, with a strong feeling of deja vu.

I can only add that social events of this calibre are a vital part of Rotary life and we need to remember this when events calendars are being prepared. All work and no play...as they say, so here's to the next social event. Do try to join us.



There was serious technical discussion on tactics at the Bowling Evening held against the Rotary Club of Manningtree at Kingpin on 29th March

with the young people in the Bournemouth area through an attempt to beat the Guinness Book of Records for flying the most kites at one time. I am also very proud that Rotary is working with the BBC News 24 on Rotary Young Citizen Awards which will be presented at conference by Ellie Crissell. "

Rotary is an organisation of business and professional persons united world-wide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. ■

Carry On Cruising

By Malcolm Reece

MOST of the time we take it for granted that the food coming into this country every day either through the ports or by air, is of a standard we have come to expect and is certainly fit to eat.

So, with this in mind, it was comforting at our club meeting on April 4th to listen to a man who is at the sharp end of this constant food chain and a person who was able to assure us that these foodstuffs really do come up to scratch.

Our speaker was John Ambrose, who works for the London Port Health Authority, which is the oldest and the largest authority of its type in the UK. Staff are responsible for an area stretching 94 miles and covering rivers feeding into the Thames and Sheerness amounting to 300 square miles.

John told us that this vital work is spread among 43 people, some of whom man fast launches to get them to a certain point as quickly as possible.

The authority started life in 1873 as a medical office of health and was there to protect the health of the City of London. Part of the work, which continues to this day, was going out to ships to check for infestation and other problems such as infectious diseases. The main reason today, he said, was ensuring the safety of food before it is transported to warehouses for distribution to supermarkets and other outlets.

A major task is inspecting all meat that arrives at the port from EU countries, employing surgeons and vets to make sure it is safe and fit to eat. This also includes fish and other sea foods such as prawns. Regular checks also include inspections to make sure there are no banned additives.

John added that the authority's regular surveillance also included cruise ships, which was a huge growth industry, and smaller areas along the waterways such as house boats and other craft. Smuggling, of course, was big business and this was another aspect of the work that took time and resources to control.

In the short time he was allowed, John gave us a fascinating potted insight into the work of this vital authority. Because of the work they do we can rest assured that the products we buy in our super stores have been thoroughly checked and are safe to buy and eat. ■

Inner Wheel Notes

By Ann Orvis, Club Correspondent

Our March business meeting was opened by President Bobbie and after the usual formalities various items were discussed.

Final arrangements were made regarding the organisation of helpers for the FIND quiz, and also for Maggie's coffee/tea party on 14th April. A memo has been distributed to all Inner Wheel members inviting their opinions on the running of the club. We are hoping for a good response to this and any ideas for future speakers and social events would be welcomed.

In preparation for our handover in June, new officers were proposed and seconded en masse. Elizabeth Cage will be our new President, with Linda Smith as Vice President.

Maggie reminded us of the visit to the Jaipur restaurant on Tuesday 3rd April. This should prove to be a most enjoyable evening.

At our next meeting on April 18th, Penny Holder will be giving us a demonstration on the wearability of Weekender clothes. If you wish to purchase any of the items you will need your cheque book. Any guests you may wish to bring along are welcome and the cost of the meal will be £8.00. Please let Anne Smith know by the Thursday prior to the meeting if you are able to attend or not. ■

Picture Gallery

Pictures By Gordon Kember



Brian Tobyn spoke at luncheon on 14th March about the 'Iceni Project', which provides a co-ordinated centre of essential help and support for local people suffering drug related problems. He was introduced by Vice President Alan Page.

Fund-Raising Fun At The Jaipur

By Malcolm Reece

When it comes to Indian food I'm not usually the first in the queue; Eve will tell you that I'm more of a bangers and mash or something with chips type of person.

So it was on the evening of April 3rd that, with some trepidation, I joined a happy band of people at the Jaipur Restaurant in Penshurst Road to partake of a meal which was all things Indian. And, surprise, surprise, I thoroughly enjoyed it. And so did the 40-odd other people in our party who were there to support the club and particularly Gordon and his International committee in raising funds for the Rotary Jaipur Limb Project.

The restaurant gave us a choice of mild, medium or hot dishes and it soon became apparent who the "hot" people were as their complexions took on a rather flushed hue. However, plenty of excellent beer and wine soon cooled them down and the evening was eventually declared a rousing success.

The important bottom line, as they say these days, was that Gordon, ably assisted by Mags and Michael Trower, organised the event with military precision and the financial result was: £221 profit, of which £83 was from the draw. This amount will in due course will be paid to the Jaipur Limb Foundation.

As Gordon explained to us, for as little as £30, a new limb can be made and supplied fitted and maintained at no cost to a patient, in most cases enabling them to walk and work again.

The project is so called because it was developed at the Mahaveer Society in Jaipur, India, by Dr Pramod Sethis, winner of the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace in 2001. The cost of making the limbs can be kept at a low level because they are made by trained local technicians and readily available materials.

For the record, a Rotary sponsored permanent limb centre within an existing orthopaedic unit, including sufficient material for 500 limbs, will cost about £20,000.

Since 1990, the Rotary project has sponsored limb camps and established permanent centres in India and many other needy countries. New projects are planned and include permanent centres in Ethiopia, Nepal and Zambia. And, as Rotary is only too pleased to point out, "For just £25 you can literally help someone back on their feet". What could be more satisfying than that?

Finally, we must not forget that a major part of the evening's success was due to the generosity of the staff of the Jaipur Restaurant, who reduced prices for us and also made a donation to the fund. We thank them all for their kindness and and courtesy in helping us to make this a successful event. ■

St. Elizabeth Hospice

Words By Malcolm Reece

Pictures By Gordon Kember

The club was delighted to welcome Mandy Cunningham to lunch on 7th March. Mandy is the full-time fund-raiser for St Elizabeth Hospice and well-known to most of the members.



Mandy Cunningham, seen with Brian Beason and President Philip Morgan, described recent developments and on-going services provided by the St Elizabeth Hospice when she spoke at luncheon on 7th March 2007.

She is the daughter of Ipswich East Past President Richard Porter, and is currently an active member of Ipswich East Inner Wheel Club.

Mandy came basically to express thanks on behalf of the Hospice for Orwell's held during the year, particularly with the club's annual events – the Asda collection and the pre-Christmas Light Up a Life Service at St Mary Le Tower Church. Not forgetting, of course, the continuing work carried out by Brian Beason, who is a regularly speaker and fund-raiser with many organisations in the area.

Mandy was made very welcome by club members, and it was appropriate that past President Malcolm Reece was asked to propose a vote of thanks having served as President of Orwell during 1993-94, when Richard Porter was President of Orwell, and also because he and Mandy were work colleagues for several years at the East Anglian Daily Times. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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APRIL 2007 MAGAZINE MONTH

WEDNESDAY 11TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: tba

FRIDAY 13TH TO SUNDAY 15TH

RIBI Conference in Bournemouth

MONDAY 16TH

Club Service

TUESDAY 17TH

5.30 pm. Club Council Meeting, Jackaman, Smith and Mulley offices.

WEDNESDAY 18TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Community award presentation to Fred Everett

FRIDAY 20TH

7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. FIND Fun Quiz, Garrett Memorial Hall, St. Margaret's Church Centre, Bolton Lane, Ipswich. Quiz and Supper, tickets £8.

WEDNESDAY 25TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Business Meeting

SATURDAY 28TH

District Assembly

MAY 2007

WEDNESDAY 2ND

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + President's Speaker: Dr Carnochan, The Institute of Cancer Research

WEDNESDAY 9TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: tba

MONDAY 14TH

Club Service

TUESDAY 15TH

5.30 pm. Club Council Meeting, Jackaman, Smith and Mulley offices.

WEDNESDAY 16TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Business & AGM

MONDAY 21ST

Golf Day at Purdis Heath

TUESDAY 22ND

Provisional Club Assembly

WEDNESDAY 23RD

No Lunch Meeting

WEDNESDAY 30TH

Breakfast Meeting at Holbrook Compasses

JUNE 2007

SUNDAY 3RD

Kember's Garden Party

WEDNESDAY 6TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: tba

THURSDAY 7TH - SUNDAY 10TH

Hanau-Maintal Rotary Club Visit.

Provisional Programme: Friday 8th - Sutton Hoo / Suffolk

Punch Trust; Saturdau 9th - Day visit to historic Harwich

WEDNESDAY 13TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: tba

MONDAY 18TH

Club Service

TUESDAY 19TH

5.30 pm. Club Council Meeting, Jackaman, Smith and Mulley offices.

WEDNESDAY 20TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Business Meeting

Kids Out, Thomas Wolsey School To Banham Zoo

WEDNESDAY 27TH

Handover, at Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Wolverstone.

Group Study Exchange

From RI District 1080 District Governor's Newsletter April 2007

The team arrives from Turkey on Saturday 14th April and will spend the first week in the Yarmouth/ East Suffolk area. Please keep eye out for their programme and try to arrange a visit to a hosting club whilst they are here. The first Rally will held at the Imperial Hotel Great Yarmouth on 19th April. The second week you can catch up with them in the Downham Market area, third in the Newmarket area and fourth, and last week, in Norwich. I am sure you will give the team a real East Anglian welcome.

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