

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

August 2005

From The President's Desk

Getting started on these monthly ramblings is always going to be a problem, but on this occasion, we had one event, which for me, stood out head & shoulder above the rest.

I refer, of course, to Catherine McGuire a mother of three young children who made her first public address to us and spoke with emotion composure and just a touch of humour of her life and the challenges of bringing up a six-year-old daughter with Cystic Fibrosis.

I feel sure that after her talk all of you that had worked so hard to raise the £2,800 presented by Alan to Catherine felt that your efforts could not have been better employed.

Well done to Alan Lonsdale and thank you Catherine McGuire!!.

What other triumphs happened since we last went to print last time.

Thanks to David Berridge's organisation we won the Golf Challenge against Northampton RC and took charge of the trophy 'The Silver Golf Shoe'. For our club probably the equivalent of England winning 'The Ashes'.

The only difference being I don't have to polish 'The Ashes Trophy'.

We have had three other very interesting and entertaining lunchtime speakers Paul Whiting, Phil

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Sizzling Start To Orwell's New Year

By Malcolm Reece

The fund-raising part of Orwell's new presidential year got off to a cracking start at the end of July with a family barbecue at Ipswich Sports Club, Henley Road, the intention to raise a few bob for Cystic Fibrosis.

The sun shone, the Barbie sizzled, and the 70-odd people who turned up (not 800, Mr President; that was the number of bangers!), will no doubt be delighted to know that they helped to raise about £500 for the charity.

Rita's food table groaned with delights and we, the club members and our families and friends, express our thanks to her and all those who helped to feed us in fine style.

President Eddie has expressed his thanks to all those who helped to make this a successful day, particularly Bob Fox, who organised the raffle, Tony Hill, who flogged tickets to everyone in sight, and the barbecue trio, Bob Bacon, Rob Woby and Eddie Palmer, who worked tirelessly.

If I have forgotten anyone, Mr President, it's because I'm either getting too old – or I drink too much. Unfortunately, I can't remember which.



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Archer and Bob Feltwell.

We also had a BBQ in the gardens of Ipswich Sports Club for about seventy people. All the feedback was good food, good fun and made a sizable contribution to the charity fund.

Not a bad start!! No doubt the wheel will come off somewhere down the road.....?...

Yours in Rotary,

Eddie ❖

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Rtn Paul Griffiths won the prize for the best man's shirt!



Further photographs are available on the Club's web-site at:

www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/news/Barb05Gall.htm



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary

AUGUST 2005

TUESDAY 16TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 17TH

12.55 pm Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Paul Bruce – “Christchurch Mansion”

WEDNESDAY 24TH

12.55 pm Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Business/District Governor/ Prizegiving

WEDNESDAY 31ST

Evening tour & dinner at Ipswich Institute

SEPTEMBER 2005

WEDNESDAY 7TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Bill Knowles, “Co-op Education - Then and Now”

TUESDAY 13TH

Club Service

WEDNESDAY 14TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro on the Quay + Speaker: Ray Condon – “The Falkland Isles – A Way of Life”

SUNDAY 18TH

Alton Water Challenge

TUESDAY 20TH

18.30pm. Evening visit to RAF Wattisham. Contact Peter Smith for more information.

WEDNESDAY 21ST

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Dawn Girling, "Wild Life" District Council

WEDNESDAY 28TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro on the Quay + Business/Fellowship

OCTOBER 2005

WEDNESDAY 5TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro on the Quay + Speaker: Vocational speaker TBA

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RI Welcome Government Funding For Polio

From RIBI News

RIBI welcome the announcement by the Secretary of State for International Development Hilary Benn that the UK will provide £60 million to help eradicate polio and urges other world leaders at the G8 summit to do likewise.

Rotary has been a key partner in the global coalition to rid the world of polio which also includes the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Rotary is the leading private-sector contributor second only to the US Government. Since 1985, when Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, individual Rotary members have collectively raised US\$600 million and contributed countless volunteer hours to help immunise more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.

"In the effort to eradicate polio, RI has spurred a model private-public partnership. The combined strengths of civil society, the private sector, governments and international agencies, have made enormous progress in what seemed an impossible task," Dr. LEE Jong-wook, Director General of WHO, told Rotarians gathered for their centenary celebrations in Chicago, Illinois last month.

Mike Webb, President of RIBI, said "The spread of polio could end this year. Just over 1,000 cases were reported in 2004, compared to 350,000 in 1988— a 99 percent reduction.

African nations have fought hard against a recent epidemic in Nigeria; launching massive synchronized immunization drives reaching over 100 million children. And progress in India has been tremendous with only 18 cases reported so far this year. Countries such as Yemen and Indonesia that have experienced imported cases, are holding emergency immunization campaigns to stop the virus from becoming re-established.

Thanks to these efforts, the end of polio looks close. But the goal is still threatened by a major funding shortfall. This initiative urgently needs US\$50 million dollars in 2005 to carry out planned activities and \$200 million in 2006. We are delighted that the UK government is helping to meet the shortfall."

RI is the world's first volunteer service organisation with 1.2 million members in 168 countries. To date, over

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FRIDAY 7TH - SUNDAY 9TH

District Conference

TUESDAY 11TH

Club Service

WEDNESDAY 12TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro on the Quay + Speaker: Vocational speaker TBA

TUESDAY 18TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 19TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro on the Quay + Business/Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 26TH

NO LUNCH MEETING

FRIDAY 28TH

Charter Night at the Galleria, Ipswich Town Football Club

DECEMBER 2005

FRIDAY 2ND

Arthritis Care Christmas Party

FRIDAY 7TH – SUNDAY 9TH

District Conference

FRIDAY 16TH

A celebration of Christmas, fayre with gift and craft stalls, concert of carols, music and Christmas readings, Christmas wreath workshop and light refreshments, at The Church of St Mary & St Botolph, Whitton Church Lane, Ipswich. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

SATURDAY 17TH

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath.

one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and personal resources to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries against polio. By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed US\$600 million.

In addition to raising and contributing funds, Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist during national immunization campaigns. Rotary members assist with vaccine delivery, social mobilization, and administration of the oral polio vaccine to children.

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Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

Our July meeting began with an early start at the Club (and negotiations around the Transco disruptions) as we were due to visit the Genesis organisation, near the Transport Museum at 7pm. Several volunteers had stayed behind after their long day at the centre in order to give us a guided tour. The charity, Genesis Orwell Mencap, has wonderful facilities, such as a sensory room, a spa pool, a kitchen for cookery classes and an arts and craft room.



Hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you in September, if not before. ■



The garden was lovely, an oasis specially designed to create a peaceful atmosphere which accommodates walking frames and wheelchairs. We all commented on the neat borders, clipped lawn and water features. Last, but not least, was a tour of the woodworking shop and showroom. The range and quality of the indoor and garden furniture was impressive. Many of us took away a catalogue and price list.

Before a break for coffee, we had time to admire and purchase lovely handmade cards. I think our overall impression of Genesis was one of calm and order. It was wonderful that there were so many opportunities for people with disabilities to learn various skills in a caring environment.

This is our last meeting before the August break. Elizabeth will now be attendance officer for the September 21st business meeting and the rest of the Inner Wheel year. Please ring her by the Sunday before each meeting if you are unable to attend.

FUNNY FOOTNOTE

Best Out-of-office Auto Email Replies.

1. I am currently out at a job interview and will reply to you if I fail to get the position. Be prepared for my mood.
2. You are receiving this automatic notification because I am out of the office. If I was in, chances are you wouldn't have received anything at all.
3. I will be unable to delete all the unread, worthless emails you send me until I return from holiday on 1st August. Please be patient and your mail will be deleted in the order it was received.
4. Thank you for your email. Your credit card has been charged £5.99 for the first ten words and £1.99 for each additional word in your message.
5. The e-mail server is unable to verify your server connection and is unable to deliver this message. Please restart your computer and try sending again.' (The beauty of this is that when you return, you can see how many individuals did this over and over).
6. Thank you for your message, which has been added to a queuing system...You are currently in 352nd place, and can expect to receive a reply in approximately 19 weeks.
7. I've run away to join a different circus.

AND, FINALLY.....:

8. I will be out of the office for the next 2 weeks for medical reasons...When I return, please refer to me as ' Colleen ' instead of 'Colin'.