



## From The President's Desk

In the past, I think that we have all experienced the feeling of sadness when in our personal capacities we have moved house, and so perhaps it is no different now that the Club is to move to a new venue, albeit through no fault of our own.

Since we have learnt that the Library at the Town Hall would no longer be available to us by the end of the year, Eddie Marsh supported by other members of the Club has considered a number of other options both in Ipswich and the surrounding locality.

On the face of it there were many alternatives, however it is surprising that due to a number of factors, including our own requirements, how soon the number of venues reduced.

At the end of the day the shortlist was down to two, Churches and The Bistro On The Quay. Both had their plus points, however the Council recommended the latter to be our new venue and this was agreed by the Club, and our first meeting will take place there on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

I believe that our choice has merit in the fact that the location is in the centre of the expansion of Ipswich around the waterfront, which is an attraction for visitors and tourists, and in the summer months the venue will have probably the best vista of any Rotary Club in the region. In addition, we will be in close proximity to the Rotary sundial.

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## Rotary Puts On The Style For Arthritis Care Christmas Party

By Malcolm Reece

They went to Tipperary, packed up their troubles, had a short chat with Dolly Gray – and then came back via Lambeth Way.

There was a little tear here and there as they remembered the good old days, but not for long as they tucked-in to sausage rolls, sandwiches, mince pies, etc., washed down with wine and sherry.

The occasion was the annual Christmas Party for members of Ipswich Arthritic Care, held at St Mary Stoke Church Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, organised by Ipswich Orwell Rotary Club.

Rotary club members and their families seem to get as much enjoyment out of this annual event as the arthritic club and this year was no exception. But can anyone tell me how so many of these "young" Rotarians knew ALL the words to songs written during the First World War? And that includes me!



*Jean Cass*

An excellent musical programme was provided this year by Mrs Jean Cass, of Kesgrave, who proved she knew all the old numbers and demonstrated this talent in fine style on the keyboard and piano accordion, with

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# Seasons Greetings

Representatives on the Bistro have indicated that we will be able to display our plaque outside their premises, which is something we have not been able to do in the past.

Our initial tenure is for three months at which time both parties can consider their respective positions.

We will write to the Town Hall's representatives thanking them for the past services and asking to be advised when the refurbishment is completed, at which time the incumbent President and Council can decide which way the Club will move.

Until then let us look forward to our new home. It is our intention to try and publicise the move to the new venue.

On the third of November at the S.G.M. history was made at the Club as Sue Goddard agreed to be our J.V.P next year. Congratulations Sue, you will be our first Lady President, but I am sure not the last.

During the month of November two presentations were given, one by Ian Livingston relating to the visit of the Argentinian GSE team, and the other by Brian Baxter the District Foundation Chairman. Amongst other things, Brian brought to our attention a fund, which is held by District and can be used by Clubs to assist local organisations. It was agreed that Malcolm Reece would contact representatives of Arthritis Care to ascertain as whether they had any immediate requirements that would fall within the fund's sphere.

As a footnote, you may recall that the then secretary Tony Hill made an appeal for redundant CDs to help make the biggest Rotary Wheel ever made to coincide with the new Rotary Coping with Life programme.

The BIG Wheel was achieved – it was 100 metres in diameter and was made up of 180,000 CDs.

The achievement received media and television coverage.

Yours in Rotary,

*Alan* ❖

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7.15pm for 7.45pm (Black Tie).**

**Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath.**

Cost is £16 per head, guests welcome. Contact Bob Bacon by 10 December 2004 for tickets or more information.

her banjo in the background in case anything went wrong. I could go as far as suggesting that the musical side of the evening would have had rave reviews in the West End - but let's not get carried away.

Suffice to add that we all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we, the Rotary Club, look forward to doing it all again next year.



*President Alan Serving Up*

My thanks to all those who turned up to help make the evening a resounding success, with special (and deserved) applause to Carole Lockett for the food, Gordon Kember for making sure transport arrangements went smoothly, Bob Fox for the wine and sherry etc, and Brian Beason, who luckily had a vehicle big enough to transport Mrs Cass and all her musical instruments. Not forgetting, of course, our President, Alan Lonsdale, who seems to get involved with everything good we do in rotary.

If you didn't attend this year, make a note in your Rotary diaries for December '05 – I guarantee you will enjoy it. ■

## Funny Footnote

### Christmas Cracker Humour

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

A: He had low elf-esteem.

Q: What do monkeys sing at Christmas?

A: Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells.

Q: What do snowmen eat for lunch?

A: Icebergers.

Q: How do you know when there's a snowman in your bed?

A: You wake up wet.

Q: What's the best thing to put into a Christmas cake?

A: Your teeth. ■

## INNER WHEEL NOTES

BY PAM HILL, CLUB CORRESPONDENT



On the 11th November the club members enjoyed a pre-Christmas shopping evening at Jenny's shop Twenty 0101.

The shop is beautifully decorated - a real Aladdin's Cave. And judging by the amount Jenny has kindly donated to our charity account (10% of purchases made by members) everyone made a big effort to boost the charity funds! Afterwards, tired and hungry shoppers made their way to Ask in Cardinal Park for an Italian meal.



Our speaker for November was Inner Wheel member Win Forton on "The War Years and After". The talk was very interesting and there were many photos to admire. We were impressed with the tales of camaraderie and of friendships that existed in those dark days. There was a special atmosphere and people in uniform were respected. One wonders if those relationships could exist in today's social climate?

December 15th will be our Christmas Dinner and this year we are not having the usual fare. Instead we are trying the flavours of the Mediterranean and North Africa. President

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[www.ispwichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary](http://www.ispwichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary)

DECEMBER 2004

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Neil Watts, Head of Northgate High School

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall. Business meeting.

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath.

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

12.55pm Town Hall Christmas Lunch, Speaker: Rev. Aidan Platten - Asst Curate at St. Mary's, Woodbridge

WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

No Meeting

JANUARY 2005

WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: The Mayor of Ipswich, Cllr Roger Fern

TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

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

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

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WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

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12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Canon Sally Fogden, MBE, Diocesan Agricultural Chaplain, Farm Africa.

Elizabeth is adding an exotic touch to the evening with the speaker, Aravis-Story Teller whose topic is "An Arabian Night". The cost of the dinner is £14.00 and cheques should be sent to Jacqui the first week of December, please. The Christmas Raffle is club effort and please could all members bring a suitable present that evening. ■

# Notes From A Choir Tour

By Derek Firmin

About a dozen people – a mixture of choristers and supporters - did the Alton Water Walk to raise funds towards the Tower Choir's short tour to Holland. Their efforts produced about £450 and meant that any of the 20 boys who might be precluded from going on financial grounds would be able to enjoy the experience. They certainly did.

Our first concert was given at The Hague in the Church of Christ Triumphant, a modern building with an air-conditioning system and a non-existent acoustic. The programme was principally of English composers ranging from Tudor times to the present day and was well attended and received.

The following afternoon we managed to turn up for rehearsal at St. Bravo's Cathedral – it should have been the Church! A kindly gentleman then piloted our coach to the correct location commenting we would see him again – at the end of the tour. Again – more English composers, a larger programme and a sprinkling of Schubert and Bruckner for good measure. Spontaneous applause followed one item – Bruckner's Ave Maria – and again the audience was very enthusiastic and clearly enjoyed themselves.



*St Bravos Cathedral*

There was a Roman Catholic Evening Mass in a different Church (choristers fly all colours on tour) at which we sang motets and a communion anthem. Our organist – William Saunders managed to register the rather fine organ to the point that it gave up during the postlude – he switched it off - switched it on again and continued – it collapsed again! – end of service – end of organ voluntary.

Our final duty was the morning mass at St. Bavo's Cathedral in Harlem (see picture). It is enormous – we

WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> *Calendar Of Events, continued from page 3*

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Judge John Devaux, Honorary Recorder of Ipswich, "Romania".

TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

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

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

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

SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

Centenary Service at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

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

MARCH 2005

WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> TO THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

RIBI President visits District 1080

MAY 2005

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

District Assembly

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>.

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sang the Communion Service by Dr. Harold Darke in F in what was a truly spectacular acoustic. To hear one's own voice reverberating back from the West End is something I will never forget. At the end of the Service Will Saunders was up to his tricks again – but this time the instrument was well up to it. About 200 people stood just watching and listening to his performance and a hearty round of applause followed – I distinctly heard a couple of cheers! We had lunch and prepared to come home.

A couple of thoughts about Amsterdam, the boys did the canal bit, Ann Frank's House and the Science Museum. I found a nice little hostelry – the Post Hoorn serving Tarwebok – double brewed dark beer, which kept the voice in decent trim.

A word of advice however – should you visit that beautiful city – choose an hotel on the outskirts – the ones in the middle have no lifts and staircases like the North face of the Eiger.

We'll walk again and sing some more – so a vote of thanks to the Club for giving us the opportunity. ■