



From The President's Desk

Another month has passed and the big build up to Christmas has begun!

There have been three events during the month that where outstanding in their own right and need a special mention.

Firstly, Sue Goddard's evening at Felixstowe Ferry to raise some funds for the Cooper Atkins Trust in India, well done to Sue, where that lady gets all her energy from, is a mystery to me.

Secondly, we had success in the District Quiz and have progressed to the final, I thought David Berridge's modesty was much in evidence and to be applauded when he made his report back to the club. I'm sure we all wish them well in the final and look forward to them bringing the trophy back to the club (no pressure you understand)!

And finally, the Arthritics Care Party – what an excellent event this has become. When one of the ladies says 'this party is the highlight of my Christmas' I feel terribly humbled.

I have received a lovely letter from Fred, which I will get published in next month's edition of this newsletter.

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In the meantime, from Rita and myself, we trust you have a wonderful Christmas, no doubt we will like so many of you, find a quiet moment to remember previous very happy Christmases when we have had the company of those who cannot be with us on this occasion....

Yours in Rotary,

Eddie ❖

Quiz Team Heads For District Finals

By Malcolm Reece

Eleven clubs from 1080 battled it out at the District Quiz on November 25 at The Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket, and guess what – Ipswich Orwell reached the finals.

After ten rounds of a whole range of subjects, from geography to films, our brainy lot scored a magnificent 88 points, sharing second place with Gipping Valley and only a couple of points behind winning club Sudbury Talbot.

David Berridge chose his team carefully, I'm told, and we even managed to achieve this commendable result with one player short, Russell being a late cancellation. So, for the record, those who put their respective brains in top gear were: Sandra Moore, Martin Hough, Mike Trower, Peter Smith, Peter Townley and Alan Lonsdale.

We congratulate all of them, and we now look forward to a further night of fun, fellowship and a glass or two at the finals on January 20th, which will again be held at the Cedars. Perhaps a few more of you would like to join us and lend your support to what should be a pleasant and stimulating occasion. ■

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary

DECEMBER 2005

WEDNESDAY 7TH

12.55 PM. LUNCH, BISTRO ON THE QUAY + SPEAKER: DR MIKE COOK – “MONITORING PLANNING APPLICATIONS”

TUESDAY 13TH

CLUB SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 14TH

12.55 PM. LUNCH, BISTRO ON THE QUAY + SPEAKER: DR PONIAH, “SRI LANKA”

FRIDAY 16TH

“A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS” AT WHITTON CHURCH

SATURDAY 17TH

Evening Christmas Dinner At Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath.

TUESDAY 20TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 21ST

12.55 pm. Christmas lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 28TH

No Meeting

JANUARY 2006 ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

WEDNESDAY 4TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Hamil Clarke, “ISCRE”

TUESDAY 10TH

Club Service (Provisional)

WEDNESDAY 11TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Brian Ralph – “Those that can, do”

TUESDAY 17TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 18TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Frank Grace, “Rags & Bones: The world of the poor in late C19th Ipswich”

Thursday 19th

District Council at Mildenhall

WEDNESDAY 25TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Business / Fellowship

TBC

Provisional International Meal

The Parish of Whitton with Thurleston and Akenham,
Macmillan Cancer Relief Ipswich Committee and
The Rotary Club of Ipswich Orwell

Jointly Present

A Celebration Of Christmas

Featuring

*Christmas Wreath Workshop & Light Lunch;
Concert Of Carols, Music & Christmas Readings;
Christmas Fayre With Gift & Craft Stalls; Raffle
Gift Wrapping; Coffee, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine*

To Be Held At

**The Church Of St Mary & St
Botolph**

Whitton Church Lane Ipswich

Wreath Workshop & Lunch 12.00 Noon To 3.30pm
Fayre Between 6.00-7.00pm and 8.00-9.30pm approx
Carol Concert From 7.00-8.00pm approx

Friday 16th December 2005

Wreath Workshop & Light Lunch Tickets £25 pp
Call Andrea On 07793845053

Admission to Fayre & Concert
by programme £5 Per Adult
Accompanied Children Free
Call Tony On 01473 420385

*There Will be a Collection Made During The Carol
Service*

Light Refreshments After The Concert Are
Complimentary

*All Proceeds To Macmillan Cancer Relief
Registered Charity Number 261017*

First New Sri Lankan School To Open After Tsunami

From RIBI News

Two schools, which were completely destroyed by the tsunami of 26th December 2004, have been rebuilt, as new model schools, and are due to be completed by the end of November.

The new Randombe school will be officially opened on December 8th. This new school is situated in Ambalangoda, a town in the Southern district of Galle, and is about two hours drive from Colombo. The tsunami affected 182 schools throughout the country including 92 which were totally destroyed. A total number of 85,000 students and 3,400 teachers were without schools after the tsunami disaster.

Randombe Kanishta Vidyalaya is a Primary and Secondary Grade school with classes from Grades 1-10 (O Level). The school has 18 teachers and 264 students 146 boys and 118 girls.

Rotary International in Sri Lanka was one of the first organisations which offered to rebuild the schools, and 25 schools spread across the country were allocated to Rotary for rebuilding, under the project name of Schools Re-Awaken.

The Schools Re-Awaken project has been supported by Rotary Clubs in Sri Lanka as well as Rotary Clubs all over the world. Rotary Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland have contributed £435,000. Rotary Clubs in Devon and Essex have been working very closely with local schools in their area and have raised funds, as well as providing computer suites and solar panelled water filtration plant for these schools. Further to this, North Devon Schools will add their support by sending out staff, technicians and students over the next three years.

The project is underwritten by the Standard Chartered Bank, and is supported by UNICEF, who will provide the soft furnishings, and 'Room to Read' an American Organisation who will provide books for the school libraries. The schools are being built to minimum Government standards, and upgraded to provide better toilet, library, and computer laboratory accommodation.

The second model school Al-Aqsa Vidyalaya in Pottuvil in the East of Sri Lanka, is on schedule with its reconstruction programme and it is expected to



F I N D: Santa's Little (Rotary) Helpers

Once again 'Families In Need' want Rotarians

From Tony Hill

Maureen and her team have started making hampers for the 2005 seasonal distribution. Her grotto this year is more conveniently located in Duke Street, Ipswich (beneath the pool hall).

Anyone able to offer an hour or two helping with the Christmas deliveries (commencing Monday 19th December) would be warmly welcomed.

Please contact Maureen on 01473 833351 for further details and dates etc. ■

FUNNY FOOTNOTE

Christmas Signs

Toy Store: "Ho, ho, ho spoken here."

Bridal boutique: "Marry Christmas."

Outside a church: "The Original Christmas Club."

A reducing salon: "24 Shaping Days until Christmas."

In a stationery store: "For the man who has everything... a calendar to remind him when payments are due."

complete the construction by the end of November. Al-Aqsa Vidyalaya is a Primary and Secondary Grade school with classes from Grades 1-10(O Level). The school has 16 Teachers and 504 students, 273 boys and 231 girls.

Rotary International President Elect Bill Boyd will unveil a commemorative monument at the school. Also present will be Past District Governor Ravi Ravindram, District Governor Andrew Herniman, Principal of Randombe School, Vyv Game, Head Teacher Braunton Secondary School, Devon, and CEO of Standard Chartered Bank. ■

Crucial Crew

Word and Pictures By Gordon Kember

Dave Long was our speaker on Wednesday 9th November. Dave is a retired fire officer and is an enthusiastic volunteer and the principal organiser of the "Crucial Crew" sessions held twice a year in June and September for schoolchildren aged 10-11 years at the Hallowtree Scout Camp.

"Crucial Crew" is promoted, though not fully funded, by Ipswich Borough Council, and is designed to raise schoolchildren's awareness of safety issues in their environment. They travel to Hallowtree by bus from their schools and spend about two hours visiting and participating in interesting study groups provided by several specialists including the fire service, the police, the electricity board, community health workers, farmers, the railways and financial services.

It is a most worthwhile venture which helps the children to assess and respond to many physical, emotional and financial hazards that they might meet in life. Dave Long clearly aroused the interest of our members and we hope to be able to provide some support for "Crucial Crew" during the 2006 season.



Dave Long

Brian's Award Recognised By Children's Hospice



Brian Beason's recent Paul Harris award has been recognised by the East Anglian Children's Hospice who have put the following brief article on their web-site:

"EACH supporter Brian Beason became the second person connected to an EACH Friends Group to receive Rotary's prestigious 'Paul Harris Fellowship Award'.

Brian, who joined the club in 1988 and was president in 2001-02, has been a key member of Rotary for many years on the charity front, particularly EACH's Ipswich Children's Hospice.

Well done Brian from everyone at EACH!"

Article can be seen at:

www.each.org.uk under "Volunteering".

Rotarians Encouraged to Delete Scam eMails

From Rotary News

As the Internet continues to grow, unfortunately so do e-mail scams and other forms of Internet fraud targeting Rotarians or abusing Rotary information.

The latest wave of e-mail scams, brought to RI's attention by Rotarians who received the message, is an e-mailed letter appearing to originate from the UK National Lottery and bearing the subject line "YOU HAVE WON £2,500,000!!!" The message goes on to explain that an agent will "facilitate the release of funds" after recipients respond to the e-mail. The scam is especially confusing because it uses the likeness and apparent signature of RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, though it is signed as "Mr. Brian Hunt."

RI is aware of these schemes and encourages Rotarians to be vigilant about deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious. Rotary International does not solicit funds via e-mail, nor does it request that personal information be updated via e-mail or other electronic means. ■

Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

At our November meeting on the 16th, "Pictionary" came to the rescue, as the speaker from MIND had to cancel at the last minute. So, we enjoyed a social evening and game instead. Someone from the charity will be rescheduled to come to a meeting in the new year.



On Tuesday the 22nd we held our main fund-raising event for this year in aid of Inner Wheel charities and President's charities MIND and Sight Savers. The evening was very successful and a quick search for more chairs was needed! Alan Smith of Flowersmith was a very amusing speaker and his arrangements, effortlessly created, were beautiful.

All the raffle prize winners were delighted with their flowers. Also available were decorative boxes and special wrapping paper. It started us thinking seriously about Christmas and all the preparations!



Speaking of which, I am sure we are all looking forward to our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday the 21st at 7.30 for 8 pm. The menu will be duck (or fish alternative) and raspberry bavaoires...and Janet's mince pies with the coffee. Our speaker will be Jenny Towell on "Morocco, Food and Other Experiences". For the raffle all club members attending are asked to please provide a festive prize (unwrapped).

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Looking forward to seeing you on the 21st if not before. Please be in touch with Jacqui, Elizabeth or me with any queries or requests regarding the dinner by the 7th December!

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100 YEARS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The stamp from Namibia, shown below, was one of many issued worldwide on 23 February 2005 to celebrate 100 years of Rotary International.

