



From The President's Desk

Events come thick and fast at this time of year. At the last Wednesday in November we enjoyed, with a good contingent of guests, our Club Quiz Night at the Golf Club at Purdis Heath. This bodes well for events that follow.

The Arthritic Care party followed two nights later and this was seemingly well received by the group who once again were most appreciative of our efforts. This annual event once again demonstrated for me how rewarding can be work in our Community.

I do hope we will see good support for our activities in December not least for the Celebration of Christmas (Macmillan / Rotary Carol Service) at The Church of St Mary & St Botolph in Whitton Church Lane on Friday 15th December at 7pm. The following evening we return to Purdis Heath Golf Club for our Christmas dinner.

I hope you enjoy a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Yours in Rotary,

Philip ❖

Christmas Party Time For Arthritis Care Members

By Malcolm Reece

One of the good things about being a Rotarian is the opportunity presented to us occasionally of getting to the "sharp" end of life and being able to help those less fortunate than ourselves. A perfect example of this is the annual Arthritis Care Christmas Party, which this year was held at St Mary at Stoke Church Hall on 1st December.

This is the club's once-a-year commitment to arthritis care, when we provide most of the transport, lay on a jolly good spread of food and drinks and arrange a programme of entertainment. Suffice to say at this stage that, yes, we did it again; we gave them all a jolly good night out and they all went home happy. I know they were happy because they said so!

As usual, we left it to our president to say a few words and President Philip made sure that all the important people, such as Food Organiser Supreme, Carol Lockett, Transport Organiser, Gordon Kember, drinks organiser Bob Fox, Inner Wheel ladies and other helpers, and Eve Reece, who once again supplied the flower arrangements for the tables, were thanked for their efforts.

There was a special vote of thanks for the Kered Handbell Ringers, of Ipswich, who interrupted their performance to allow one or two of us the chance to ring a bell. All I need to add here is that handbell ringing is not as easy as it looks. The programme of well-known carols and other arrangements was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated, and thanks were expressed by Arthritis Care Organiser, Fred Everitt, and Gordon Kember.

This was Service Above Self, and on behalf of all those who helped, it was our pleasure.

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Inner Wheel Notes

Words By Ann Orvis, Club Correspondent

Picture By Pam Hill

We began our meeting on 15th November by discussing health and safety issues raised at the district meeting in Diss, which was attended by several of our members.

Unfortunately, our speaker Susan Morgan, who was due to talk about Christmas traditions and food in the Philippines, was unable to attend.



Quizmaster Anne times Moira's contribution to the fun and games evening

Anne Smith rescued the evening by bringing a game called 'guesstures', which created much fun and laughter.

We are looking forward to our shopping evening at Jenny's shop, 20-01-01, on Wednesday 22nd November which will be followed by a meal at ASK restaurant.

Our Christmas dinner is to be held on Wednesday 20th December. The cost is £15.00 per person. Please get in touch with Anne Smith or Pam Hill by 11th December if you would like to attend. ■

DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

Supporting the family of Rotary is of critical importance because it:

- Builds lifelong friendships
- Enhances our personal families' relationships
- Builds world understanding and peace
- Improves international solidarity and tolerance
- Contributes to membership growth
- Contributes to diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, and profession
- Improves Rotary's public image
- Strengthens clubs and the commitment to service

Picture Gallery 1 – Arthritis Care Party

By Gordon Kember



The Kered Handbell Ringers in seasonal gear performing a series of Christmas songs and carols.



Leader of the Kered Handbell Ringers, Mrs Margaret Mellor MBE, with her colleagues at the treble table.



The lower register handbells with, on the right, the owner of the bells Derek Watts, whose reversed christian name gives the Kered Handbell Ringers their name.



22 November 2006

Dear Mr Beason

Thank you so much for your donation of £100.00 in respect of sponsorship for the Light up a Life Service Sheets. Every donation really does make a big difference and a vital contribution to our work.

We can only provide our services because people care enough to support the Hospice. With the help of the local community, over £1.7 million was raised last year in order to provide all of our services free of charge. We want you to know that we run St Elizabeth Hospice as efficiently as possible and for every pound donated, 92p is spent on patient care.

Our sincerest thanks go to all those who raise money for us and we are extremely grateful for all their hard work.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Cunningham

Fundraising Team



22 November 2006

Dear Mr Beason

Thank you very much to you and your rotary colleagues for their hard work on Saturday in support of St Elizabeth Hospice. You raised a fantastic £587.10 from Asda in Ipswich. I am really pleased with how the collection went and really appreciated your help in arranging this event and making it a great success.

Once again please accept my appreciation and thanks on behalf of everyone at St Elizabeth Hospice.

Kind Regards,

Hayley Hayler

Community Fundraiser

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary

DECEMBER 2006 FAMILY MONTH

WEDNESDAY 13TH

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

FRIDAY 15TH

7:00pm, Annual MacMillan Christmas Carol Service Concert at Whitton Church. Admission To Concert by programme, £5 per adult and accompanied children free. Light refreshments included. Contact Tony Hill for Programmes.

SATURDAY 16TH

Christmas dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

MONDAY 18TH

Club Service

TUESDAY 19TH

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

WEDNESDAY 20TH

12.55 pm. Christmas Lunch, Bistro On The Quay

WEDNESDAY 27TH

NO MEETING

JANUARY 2007 ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

WEDNESDAY 3RD

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Polly Trenow, Refugee Council

WEDNESDAY 10TH

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

MONDAY 15TH

Club Service

TUESDAY 16TH

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

WEDNESDAY 17TH

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

THURSDAY 18TH

District Council

WEDNESDAY 24TH

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

WEDNESDAY 31ST

Provisional - Burns Night

A Bangers And Mash Success

Words By Malcolm Reece

Picture By Gordon Kember

One of the more pleasant aspects about writing this piece on the club's Quiz Night at Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis, on 29th November, is that at the end of the evening everyone present said they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

You can't get better praise than that, and the organisers – members of our Foundation Committee – deserve our thanks for providing us with a jolly good evening's entertainment while at the same time raising a few pounds for charity.

To be more specific, this was a fun quiz which included a tasty bangers and mash supper, mainly organised by Foundation Committee chairman and compere for the evening, David Berridge, assisted by "many others", which gets me out of a hole in case I forget someone.



A club Quiz Evening was well attended in aid of Foundation and International charities. Here quizmaster Peter Smith is seen with Ken and Brenda Holroyd, who set the questions.

Deserving of special mention are Peter Smith, our quizmaster; Ken & Brenda Holroyd, who baffled most of us with some teasing questions; and Sandra Moore, who helped us to find somewhere to sit and made sure we all had quiz sheets.

President Philip thanked everyone who supported the event – all 66 of us – and at the end of the evening there was a small profit of £280, which will be divided between Rotary Foundation and the club's International Committee Jaipur Limb project.

For the record, winners of the Quiz with 44 points were Ufford Lower V1 (Sean, Jen, Barrie, Jenny, Jakes and John), closely followed on 43 points by Over the Hills (Tony & Pam Hill and three guests). The rest of us just quietly slipped away. After all, it's the taking part that matters...isn't it?

Finally, I think it's worth a mention that the event was supported by four of our honorary members, Philip Lay, Tony Vincent, Ken Holroyd and Stephen Canham. Perhaps word had got out that we were offering bangers and mash at a bargain price!



Our able reporter Malcolm Reece is seen vetting the score board, showing a win for the "Ufford Lower Sixth" team. ■

WE GET THE LOW-DOWN ON A NEW TOWN RADIO STATION BY MALCOLM REECE

A detailed account of a new independent radio station launch in Ipswich in October, was given to our members at lunch on 8th November by the station's managing director, Jamie Brodie.

Trading on FM as Town 102, the new station is concentrating on Ipswich and the surrounding area and offers a 24-hour newsroom service pumping out local items of interest including sport, plus a fair sprinkling of past and present music.

Tracing the background before the launch of the station on 19th October, Jamie said Ofcom (the Office of Communications) received eight applications for the Ipswich radio licence. Town 102 "stood out" due to a strong belief in the local community, and the station was now established in a state-of-the-art premises in Great Blakenham.

Financially, he said, the station offered a strong local advertising service to a catchment area in excess of 262,000 adults. Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week the station was now "dedicated to the town of Ipswich and the surrounding local community," he told us, adding, "We are going to make a difference".

It will be interesting to listen and observe how the local radio situation develops in the coming months. ■

Picture Gallery 2

By Gordon Kember



Jamie Brodie (right, with Rotarian Richard Brown) from Town 102 FM, spoke at luncheon on 9th November about his objectives in providing music, local news and debate of local matters on our newest radio station which started broadcasting in October.



Caroline Morey from Disablement Care Enterprise spoke at luncheon on 15th November about the efficient and well-targeted financial assistance offered to the disabled by this



On 10th November Sheila Gauld, Service Manager of the Ipswich Children's Hospice, received a cheque for £2500, raised jointly by our own club and the Rotary Club of Hanau Maintal, from Past President Eddie Marsh, for the purchase of 'Skyframe Helping Hand' lifting apparatus to assist with the care of disabled children.

Season's Greetings

Caroline's Long-Standing Friendship With Orwell

By Malcolm Reece

The Club welcomed a long-standing friend on 15th November when Caroline Morey of DCE (Disability Care Enterprise) joined us for lunch.

Caroline's association with DCE and our Rotary club goes back 14 years and, as she remarked when she updated us in a brief talk, the association is as strong today as it ever was.

Historically, DCE's association with Ipswich and many of its businesses still goes on, with the work of providing special equipment for families finding it hard to cope because of disabilities, as much in demand as ever. As always, these were people with disabilities of any age, she told us.

"We help to improve the quality of life for these people, and we continue to be very lucky in finding support for this work from many sections of the local community," said. "And every penny we raise goes back into the pot."

Caroline also stressed how important it was to DCE to continue receiving local sponsorship. "We are a local charity and without this backing we could not continue," she said. ■