

# The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

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## From The President's Desk

So, I wake up and there it is, a chain of office hanging from the wardrobe door, its reality, not a bad dream and for the next 52 weeks I am your president. You have my sympathy.

How can this have happened...? I only joined the club because I was promised a good lunch and an hour or so away from the office to meet some other like-minded souls and have bit of banter.

Seriously, I'm quietly proud and very honoured to be asked to take on the roll. I hope the programme that is coming together will provide something for everyone but we (the royal we) your committee will always be open to suggestions for different events outings etc. please keep the ideas coming....

Enough, enough.. Lets look foreword to a good year ahead not forgetting the memories and events that made Alan's years so special...

Yours in Rotary,

*Eddie* ❖



**SERVICE Above Self**

## Memorable Day For Wolsey Youngsters

By Malcolm Reece

Kids Out was a new experience this year for the club, and also for our 'guests' from Thomas Wolsey School, Ipswich.

For the first time, all of us were experiencing the delights of Banham Zoo near Diss, and were not disappointed. With many of the children in wheelchairs, staff members and Rotarians were grateful that the Banham site is flat and even and a delight for this type of excursion.

Once again Brian Beason gets top marks for his organisational skills and, having helped over the past weeks with researching this new venue. I can report that we will be returning to Banham in future years – and I understand several other Rotary Clubs in the district plan to follow our lead.

One of our greatest assets on the day, June 8<sup>th</sup>, was the special coach supplied by Suffolk County Council. Fitted with a special platform lift to deal with wheelchairs, we were soon all on board and arrived at the zoo in just over an hour. Perfect weather and top class picnic facilities helped to make this an exciting and memorable day for these handicapped youngsters and their whoops of delights as we guided them around the grounds to see the animals and birds, was all the reward we needed.

In addition to Brian, Rotarians Derek Firmin, Gordon Kember and myself made the trip, and now that the pioneering work has been carried out and thoroughly tested next year's Kids Out should be that much easier to organise.

Staff from Thomas Wolsey were delighted with our efforts and have expressed on behalf of the children that the trip was one of the school's more memorable outings.

My advice to all Rotarians: put your name down now for next year's Kids Out..... there might be a queue!

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## Everything Shipshape For This Handover

By Malcolm Reece

The early evening started off with torrential rain and hailstones the size of golf balls. But it ended with a peaceful and tranquil sail down the Orwell with hardly a breath of wind.

Those of us who did turn up for the end of the Rotary year handover, thoroughly enjoyed the experience of a river trip on board the 100-pls year old Thistle, on which the crew went out of their way and worked hard to ensure we enjoyed ourselves.

After a sumptuous supper 'down below', our outgoing President Alan passed on the chain of office to Eddie Marsh. Alan said a few words, Eddie replied in appropriate fashion, we all applauded and then got on with the main purpose of the evening – enjoying a very pleasant a very pleasant sail on the river.

If you want a good night out and one where you can really get away from the traffic, this is the way to travel. It's peaceful and soothing, a glass of beer tastes extra good in the fresh air – and there isn't a traffic light or speed camera in sight!

We all wish President Eddie and his new team a happy and successful year and we thank past President Alan Lonsdale for all his hard work during the past year. ■

## Marjorie Lonsdale

By Malcolm Reece

All Saints Church, Holbrook, was filled to near capacity on 10<sup>th</sup> June, for the funeral service of Marjorie Lonsdale, wife of President Alan, and a dear friend to all in the club and all those in Holbrook Flower club. Marjorie, who died in Hospital on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, was 69.

Rotarians, friends and many people from the village, attended, and a special eulogy, appropriate to Marjorie and Alan's family and business travels over the years, was delivered with sympathy and good humour by Rotary Club member, Rev Peter Townley.

The Service, led by the Rev. Nick Todd, was followed by burial in the churchyard, after which a reception was held for family and friends at Holbrook Compasses.

President Alan has asked us through the newsletter to pass on his grateful thanks to all those who sent him messages of condolence and flowers. ■

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JULY 2005

TUESDAY 12TH

Club Service

WEDNESDAY 13TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Paul Whiting, "Orwell Park Observatory"

TUESDAY 19TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 20TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Phil Archer, "The web is dead. Long live the Semantic Web"

WEDNESDAY 27TH

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

SUNDAY 31ST

From 4:00pm, Family Fun Barbeque at Ipswich Sports Club, Henley Road, Ipswich. Children, family members and friends are more than welcome. Bring your tennis racquet and sports shoes and enjoy a fun game or two. We also have table tennis available and, if wet, a selection of indoor games. Tickets are £10 per adult and £5 for under sixteens. All proceeds will go to the President's charity - The Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

AUGUST 2005

WEDNESDAY 5TH

12.55 pm Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Bob Feltwell - "Suffolk Chamber of Commerce"

TUESDAY 9TH

Club Service

WEDNESDAY 10TH

No meeting: PRIZE "SCATTER" WEEK

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

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# Message From DG Bill and Dorothy Redmayne

From 1080 Web-Site

We wish all Rotarians and partners in our first year of the Second Century of Rotary Service, a year of excellent fellowship and effective service to their communities and the World Community.

We look forward to supporting you at your Charter Nights and special events.

Please remember the district team, is available to offer support, and your source of specialist information. If they do not have the answer they will know a "man who does"!

I am well aware every club has projects they support each year, and I would like to ensure the work we do in our communities and for overseas projects, receives the publicity it deserves. Please would you let me, or your Assistant Governor, have details of any project you are involved in.

I make no apologies for reminding you of the key issues for Rotary Year 2005/06: Membership - "One NET new member" per club.

Foundation - Clubs are now benefiting from the District Simplified Grant.

The more we give to Foundation the more will come back to the district for our projects.

Other projects I would like you to consider "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People"

(Dorothy has a personal interest), "Mercy Ships" as a truly worthwhile international project. There will be speakers on both projects at the District Conference - day visitors most welcome.

## Editor's Note

The new District web site is available at <http://www.1080.ribi.net>. However, it is still under construction. The plan is to get the most important information on line first then grow the web site in consultation with fellow 1080 Rotarians. Highest priority at present are DG's diary and pages, District Conference information, information and links to all District clubs then onto the service committee information. Any feedback would be welcomed through the web-site.

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WEDNESDAY 31ST

Evening tour & dinner at Ipswich Institute

TO BE ARRANGED

Alton Water Challenge

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"

TUESDAY 20TH

Club Council

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

Provisional visit to RAF Wattisham

OCTOBER 2005

FRIDAY 28TH

Charter Night at The Galleria, Ipswich Town Football Club

DECEMBER 2005

FRIDAY 2ND

Arthritis Care Christmas Party

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

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.

# Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

It did not seem possible that the year had passed so quickly, when 32 of us met for our Handover Dinner on the 15th June. We thanked Elizabeth for a very interesting year and the club presented an Inner Wheel plate to commemorate her year as President. The chain of office was passed to Anne Smith who gave Elizabeth a basket of flowers.



Our new President welcomed Bobbie as Vice-President. Secretary Janet and Treasurer Jacqui will each do a 4th year in office. Rita and Susan are doing the social and programme events, I am Club Correspondent and Elizabeth becomes Immediate Past President and Extension Officer.

speaker! The fire service works as a team with the police and ambulance services, specially at road traffic collisions (no longer called accidents). There are as many call-outs to these events as there are to fires. Fire-fighters are also involved in rescuing cattle and horses, not just dogs and cats. And the natural curiosity of children provided call outs for various rescues. This amusing talk was enjoyed by everyone and was followed by questions such as "Is the TV programme, London's Burning, accurate?" Yes, apparently the early series was realistic, but the later episodes were not so true to life. All in all, it was a very pleasant evening.



Our July meeting on the 20th is to visit Genesis at 7pm. Therefore we need to meet at the club at 5.45 for a 6 pm supper. Please get in touch with me by Sunday the 17th if you are unable to attend. Elizabeth will be in charge of dinner numbers from September. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in July, if not before. ■



We had been promised a mystery guest speaker for the evening, and this turned out to be Elizabeth's son, Christopher. He is a fire-fighter, but it soon became apparent that he was also a talented after dinner

## FUNNY FOOTNOTE

Seen on a sign-post by a lake in North Vancouver:

ATTENTION DOG GUARDIANS

Pick up after your dog. Thank you.

ATTENTION DOGS

Grrrr, bark, woof.

Good dog.

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