

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

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From The President's Desk

Now we are on the home run, the end is in sight, just a couple more hurdles to jump and we are there.

It has been an interesting final period; the pace has certainly picked up over the past few weeks.

The magic team of Bacon Berridge and Brown did it again and pulled off a superb golf day despite the rain. I thought Katherine McGuire's, presentation on 'being a CF mum' that followed the meal added a poignant touch and brought home to us all just what all the effort in arranging the day had been about.

Well done and thank you!

Lunchtime speakers included Fiona Loader on the Ipswich Furniture Project who enlightened us to the good work that organisation does in supplying furniture at very reasonable prices to deserving families.

A real joy for me was entertaining the three pupils, and teacher from Westbourne School, who joined us for lunch and made their 'Youth Speaks' presentation. They did real credit to themselves, their parents and their school.

The following Wednesday was the AGM, which passed off without any major incidents, and was followed in the evening by a select band attending a joint fellowship meeting of the four Ipswich Rotary Club at Belstead House. Conversation and wine flowed in equal measure.

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A Hoist For The Hospice

From Brian Beason

Following the club's special meeting on 29th March to discuss several matters including how to spend £2000 of charity money donated jointly by Ipswich Orwell and our twin club in Hanau, it was agreed that the money should be spent on providing an overhead lifting hoist to help move children around at the Ipswich Hospice.

The following is an explanation by Brian Beason of how the £2000 from the joint venture will be spent. Copies of this draft were taken to Hanau in June so that our German Rotarian friends and their families could be updated on the project.

The Hospice opened in April 1999 with very limited accommodation of two bedrooms, medical room, bathroom, kitchen, lounge and play area.

At this time about 20 children in the Ipswich area were in need of the care which the Hospice could offer. Within 12 months the number of children and families increased and two further bedrooms were added which obviously increased the potential for respite care supported by an excellent outreach nursing team, plus bereavement counselling for parents and siblings.

By the end of 2005, seventy-eight children and their families were receiving care from the Hospice, and the numbers are gradually increasing up to the present time.

E.A.C.H (East Anglia Childrens Hospices) only receives ten per cent of the running costs from central finance departments, the rest being raised by trust funds, voluntary contributions and general fund-raising events. I am both delighted and very grateful to our Rotary club and other clubs in the area, which have supported this very needy charity over the last ten years.

The total amount required to run the three East Anglia Childrens Hospices this year is £3.6 million. Owing to the fact that the children attending the

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The breakfast meeting at the Holbrook Compasses is always a pleasure and a fine way to start the day for those attending the Suffolk Show. You need a good breakfast inside you to contend with sub-zero temperatures associated with our mid summer.

And that concludes my rambling for another month; I'll save the details of our superb German trip for another day.

Yours in Rotary,

Eddie ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JUNE 2006 ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

WEDNESDAY 14TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Karen Pickering, "Swimming for Ipswich"

TUESDAY 20TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 21ST

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

MONDAY 26TH

"Kids Out"

WEDNESDAY 28TH

No Lunch – evening meeting. "Presidential Handover" at the Coach House, Helmingham Hall

Presidential Handover

Date/Time: 7.00 for 7.30, Wednesday 28th June 2006

Venue: The Coach House at Helmingham Hall

Menu: Mixed Buffet, BBQ, Strawberries & Cream or Fruit Pie & Ice Cream or Cheese & Biscuits (£1.50 extra)

Home grown / local produce being used where possible. Adequate items for vegetarians.

The meal cost is £16 per head (£7 to members paying full subs). Note that there is no lunch time meeting on the 28th). Casual dress.

Please let Philip Morgan know as soon as possible whether you will be attending and numbers. Partners, friends and family are welcome. Also advise any additional requirements, including the optional cheese & biscuits (which must be pre ordered). ■

Hospice are getting older and growing bigger and heavier, there is an urgent need for a sky-frame overhead lifting hoist to enable the staff to move the children around. The £2000 which has been given to the Ipswich Hospice by the twin grants from Ipswich Orwell and Hanau Maintal Rotary Clubs will pay for the first of the five sections which the hoist project has been divided into.

The project is also designed so that when the Hospice moves to larger premises (funds permitting) the hoist system can be transferred and will not be obsolete.

On behalf of the children, parents and Hospice staff, I would like to thank my fellow Rotarians of both clubs for this very fine donation which will help the project to proceed sooner than anticipated.' ■

Picture Gallery 1

Words & Pictures By Tony Hill



Pictures of the recently completed sundial at New Cut East. This is a Rotary Centenary project which was commissioned and funded by the four Ipswich Rotary clubs.

Picture Gallery 2

Words & Pictures By Gordon Kember



On 24th May 2006 President Eddie welcomed Trudy Tricker and Robert Wright, Commodore of the Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club. He presented Robert with a cheque for £575 raised at the Race Night held at Felixstowe in April as a joint venture with the Sailing Club. Trudy had donated her provisioning services free of charge to help the fund-raising.



"Youth Speaks" was celebrated at luncheon on 17th May 2006 with a well-presented discourse by a team of young students from Westbourne School on the subject "Further Education - Is it Worth It?". From left to right are principal speaker Lauren Blackett, President Eddie Marsh, Luke Smith and Annabel Cheung.



Rotarian Peter Hopper discusses with our speaker Alan Humphrey on 3rd May 2006 the problems and pleasures Alan and his wife experienced in fostering children in their home



Here Eddie and the "Youth Speaks" team are joined outside the Bistro on the Quay by teacher Penny Black from Westbourne School and Vocational chairman Alan Page.



Our speakers on 10th May were Bob Whitehead and Fiona Loader who help run the Ipswich Furniture Project, recycling household appliances and furniture donated by the general public to families who require them

LEAD THE WAY

The 2006-07 Rotary year theme is "Lead the Way". It reflects W.B Boyd's (President, Rotary International, 2006-07) belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world.



Together, 1.2 million Rotarians will Lead the Way to a brighter future through fellowship and service.

Rotary provides a much-needed example of solid integrity, International cooperation, and the spirit of volunteerism.

Children and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

The Rotary Club of Ipswich Orwell has adopted this statement of policy in its work with children, the elderly and those with disability.

- The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority;
- It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of his or her ability, the welfare of and prevents the assault, physical sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties;

The Rotary club will endeavour to ensure safeguarding by:

- Actively encouraging a climate through which protection issues are regarded as an essential part of Rotary activities and events;
- Appointing a Rotarian with responsibility for protection issues in the Rotary club: the Club Protection Officer;
- Adopting protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for Rotarians, staff, other helpers and volunteers associated with the club;
- Planning all events and activities so that protection issues are properly addressed;
- Sharing information on protection and good practice with children, parents and carers, Rotarians, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the club;
- Following the agreed guidelines on how to deal with the disclosure or discovery of abuse and sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know;
- Providing appropriate training for Rotarians, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the club, in the processes and procedures of child and vulnerable adult protection;
- Following carefully the procedures for the recruitment and selection of Rotarians, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the club to assist with projects and activities;
- Monitoring and reviewing this policy and the associated procedures on a regular basis, at least annually;

Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

The Inner Wheel Walk organised by Susan Morgan took place on Sunday 7th May. Unfortunately, the weather was not at its best and I think a mention of "a slippery bank and mud" may bring back some memories. It was a nice social event and we enjoyed lunch afterwards at The Coach House at Helmingham Hall.



Our May meeting on the 17th was the AGM. Another year has gone by very quickly and President Anne thanked everyone for all their help throughout the year. The Club Officers read their reports and the money raised for charitable causes was allocated. The President's charities of MIND and Sightsavers were the main recipients.

Our next meeting on the 21st June is the Handover Dinner at the Ipswich & Suffolk Club. It is 7.30 for 8.00 and husbands and guests are welcome. Reverend Andrew Dotchin will be the guest speaker on aspects of life in South Africa. Please send your cheque to Jacqui the first week of June for £13.00 per person and please also let Elizabeth know if you are coming.

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