

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

June 2004

From The President's Desk

The end of the Rotary Year beckons and thoughts inevitably become somewhat reflective and for this reason a glance back at the year seems to be an appropriate gesture for my last offering for our splendid Orwell Newsletter. In addition it will also serve the purpose of my wish to be brief on the occasion of the handover to incoming President Alan Lonsdale. The event should be, I feel, forward looking rather than a list of the efforts of the past year. Brevity, surely on that occasion, will be the soul of wit instead of verbosity and the inertia that would follow.



"Would you like to start the year off with a bang?" Tony Hill enquired – hence a very successful Jazz Day at Wenham on the 6th July followed by a rather pleasant stroll around the Shotley Marina on the 30th.

August saw the transfer in of Martin Hough and, at that time, I suggested his talents would not be ignored for too long. True to form he takes over as Club Secretary for the ensuing year.

Steve Canham was inducted as an Honorary Member in recognition of two factors. Firstly, his sterling work on the Newsletter and, secondly, the hope that when his circumstances are conducive he can take up full membership.

September saw another successful Alton Water Walk which was well supported by the choristers of St. Mary le Tower raising funds for the Tower Choir Memorial Fund which is a Trust formed for the music and, thereby, their training. We also welcomed Alan Page into the Club which, quite apart from his potential as a Rotarian, he drastically reduced the average age of the Club membership.

Our 25th Charter Dinner was a star-studded affair in October with many of our Hanau friends in attendance as well as a goodly number of Past Presidents. The following day we visited Southwold with them and enjoyed their company immensely.

November saw the induction of our fourth new member for the current year – Paul Griffiths. He also has had the effect of lowering the average age of the Club membership – we need more!

The Ipswich Golf Club was once more chosen as our venue for the Christmas Dinner, a very fine occasion and some inventive work on the keyboard from Dr. Michael Nicholas who may be persuaded to attend again.

Alastair McWhirter – our Chief Constable, appeared twice in January. Firstly as a lunchtime speaker and secondly, even more eloquently than previously, he gave us a wonderful rendition of some of the works of Robbie Burns on the occasion of our Burns Night on the 28th at the Compasses.

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International Month, organised by Peter Townley, featured an hilarious talk by Mike Graham on "Sailing to St. Lucia" – can anyone remember what "AP&C" means?

March, Community Service Month, saw a variety of speakers arranged by Brian Beason amongst which was a return visit by Robbie Johns, a delightful character and a very moving speaker. Sue Goddard put on a superb evening at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club in support of Kids Out. On the twinning front the visit to Baden Baden was spectacular. We were right royally entertained as has been already well reported by Peter Hopper in the May issue of the Newsletter.

Youth Speaks is an event that is a testament to the tenacity of the Rotarians who organised it. It will happen next year and will hopefully be taken up by more schools. Those who participated certainly enjoyed it – afterwards! Hats off to Philip and his team for the sterling work on the Golf Day. A goodly sum has been raised and the Ipswich Diabetic Children's Appeal will benefit.

So much for our year – one final push for Kids Out will see the events of the year completed. Help if you can.

The thoughts in my mind now turn to what I consider to be the real highlight of the year. My view, obviously, is a personal one but to see the expression on the face of our Founder President when receiving the Paul Harris Award must be my choice. All the fund raising, all the work and all the fun over the last 25 years have taken place because he, principally, and his cohorts started our Club in the Rotary Year 1978/9.

Thanks Al.

Derek ❖

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE 2004-2005

The latest version of most pages in the RIBI Opportunities to Serve booklet for 2004/5 are now available on-line on the RIBI web-site (<http://www.ribi.org/>). You will also be able to find the latest copies of the RIBI Information Sheets.

All pages are displayed in Adobe Acrobat format (.PDF) and cover the following key areas:

- Membership Services
- Community & Vocational Service
- International Service
- Youth Activities
- Rotary Foundation
- Communications

Club Assembly, 19 May 2004

This year's Club Assembly was held, as in previous years, at the Ipswich and Suffolk Club in Northgate Street, Ipswich. After a wonderful meal, President Derek remarked upon his time as President of the club and thanked his team for supporting him over the past year.



Incoming President, SVP Alan Lonsdale

The evening was then handed over to the incoming President, Alan Lonsdale, and his team to describe the plans for the coming year.

- The President's charity for 2004/5 will be 'Cystic Fibrosis', a cause very close to some members of the club.
- The Alton Water Challenge will be held again in the coming year, but will be re-launched with a new name.
- The Golf day will again be a key event of the fundraising year and will be built upon the success of previous years.

The team for 2004/5 will be:

Senior Vice-President - Rtn Eddie Marsh
Junior Vice-President - Rtn Phillip Morgan
Treasurer - Rtn Bob Fox
Secretary - Rtn Martin Hough
Programme - Rtn Peter Townley
Tenders - Rtn Russell Leeburn

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Welcoming - Rtn David Lowe & Rtn Alan Page
Membership Service Chair - Rtn Eddie Marsh
Foundation Chair - Rtn David Berridge
Community Service Chair - Rtn Malcolm Reece
Vocational Service Chair - Rtn Peter Smith
International Service Chair - Rtn John Field

Key areas for each committee were summarised by each committee chair:

Membership Service Committee

- Next year is Rotary Centenary and a number of events are planned, including the centenary service at Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral, summer ball at Christchurch Mansion and the unveiling of the commemorative sundial.
- Mission targets for the coming year will be recruitment, retention and the creation of a rotary "bible", detailing who does what in the club.

Foundation Service Committee

- Golf day
- The liaison with the Rotary Club of Hanau-Maintal will be further enhanced through a joint venture.
- School liaison
- Possible internet auctions

Community Service Committee

- Responders (heart attack response)
- Disability Care Enterprise
- Alton Water Challenge
- Kids Out

Vocational Service Committee

- Youth Speaks, with a possible new venue and expanding on the number of schools
- Quiz team (district competition and charity events)
- October will be Rotary Vocational Service month

International Service Committee

- Shelterboxes – these are £460 per box and provide life for 10 for six months in a disaster area.
- "Farm Africa" - £27 will be a goat for a family in Africa
- Cooper-Atkinson Trust – looking at initiatives for the village in southern India;



Rtn Bill Redmayne

In response, the District Governor's representative, Rtn Bill Redmayne, was pleased that the club was planning to look at Shelterbox. He also talked about the "Life Education Caravan", which is targeted at infant and junior schools and aims to provide drug education for children. Rotary helps with the funding to enable these school visits to take place. Bill highlighted a number of important dates for the next year:

1st to 3rd October 2004 - District Conference in Stratford Upon Avon

13th November 2004 – SACCS, in Loughborough

27th February 2005 – Centennial Service, Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

19th March 2004 – President-elect training day

20th to 31st March 2005 – RIBI president in district 1080

30th March 2005 = Kings College dinner (numbers limited to 250, around £50 a head)

3rd April 2005 – RIBI Assembly, open to all

14th to 17th April 2005 – RIBI Conference, Manchester

7th May 2005 – District Assembly

Bill finished off by mentioning the Rotary 34 CD-ROM. This is a useful tool for Rotary clubs and provides a source of posters and other useful information.

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Partnership Launched With Children's Hospices

From RIBI News

RIBI is launching a partnership with the Association of Children's Hospices to offer Rotary support to the children's hospice movement throughout these islands. The Association will benefit from Rotarians providing hands on help to all 43 of their member organisations' hospices as well as fund raising initiatives throughout the next year. Rotary will be announcing details of the partnership on 1st July 2004, which will include organising Butterfly Tea Parties in Children's Hospice Week 22-27 September 2003. ■

Funny Footnote

The following statements about the Bible are said to have been written by children.

1. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
2. A Christian should have only one spouse, This is called monotony.
3. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
4. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
5. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
6. Samson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
7. Samson slayed the hilistines with the axe of the Apostles.
8. Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
9. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
10. The first commandment was hen Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada.
12. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
13. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
14. David was a Hebrew King skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
15. Soloman, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
16. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
17. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
18. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary

JUNE 2004 ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

TUESDAY 8TH

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys) - CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY 9TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA
All day. KIDS OUT- Trip to Colchester Zoo.

TUESDAY 15TH

5.45 pm. 5.45 pm. Club Council at Derek Firmin's - Refreshments provided

WEDNESDAY 16TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: TBA

WEDNESDAY 23RD

12.55 p.m. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: TBA

WEDNESDAY 30TH

6:30pm for 7:00pm. Drinks with Alan & Marjorie Lonsdale.
7:45pm Presidential Hand Over, at The Compasses Inn, Holbrook.

JULY 2004

WEDNESDAY 7TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY 14TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

WEDNESDAY 21ST

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

WEDNESDAY 28TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

AUGUST 2004

WEDNESDAY 4TH

12.55 pm Town Hall Lunch + District Governor's visit

WEDNESDAY 11TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

WEDNESDAY 18TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall + Frugal Lunch + Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY 25TH

No Meeting - Scatter Week

SEPTEMBER 2004

SUNDAY 5TH

Afternoon. RYLA Open Afternoon at Grafton Water Centre

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RI Present Highest Humanitarian Award

From Rotary International News

The day Colin and Wendy Parry lost their 12-year-old son Tim to an IRA bombing in Warrington became the day two parents would begin a personal crusade for peace and reconciliation between communities in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and the UK.

Out of their grief, the couple decided to create a legacy to Tim, and three-year-old Johnathan Ball, who also died in the March 1993 bombing, by helping young people to understand the nature and causes of conflict, and to find non-violent solutions to personal and community discord.

In March 2000, they founded The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Young People's Peace Centre in Warrington, and launched a peace and conflict resolution training program for young people that has trained more than 7,000 youngsters — ages 11 to 18 — to become "Ambassadors for Peace."

At the Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan, in May 2004, Rotary International gave its highest honour — the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace — to The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust for its work in teaching conflict resolution to young people.

Colin Parry, who gave up full-time employment as a human resources specialist to found the charitable trust and its "Children for Peace" campaign accepted the award on 25th May. The Trust also received a US\$100,000 grant to fund a peace-focused project of its choice.

"We believe that if we invest in children and young people now, we will be able to persuade them that they can resolve problems of any size or complexity without resorting to violence," says Parry.

The "Children for Peace" campaign focuses on moral and social responsibilities, political literacy and social and community inclusion. The centre, which has residential facilities, brings together young people from around the world to learn about the need to work together for the good of their own, and others' communities.

The Trust also runs a program providing support to victims of the Northern Ireland "Troubles" who live in Great Britain, and has begun to develop partnerships across Europe and the Middle East to deliver its programs to a larger international audience.

Since 1981, Rotary International has honoured individuals and groups with the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace. The award is given to those whose lives or work

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SEPTEMBER 2004 CONTINUED

SUNDAY 12TH

Morning. Alton Water Challenge.

OCTOBER 2004

FRIDAY 1ST TO SUNDAY 3RD.

District Conference at Stratford on Avon

FRIDAY 8TH

Evening. Charter Night Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

DECEMBER 2004

SATURDAY 18TH

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

WEDNESDAY 22ND

12.55pm Town Hall Christmas Lunch

FEBRUARY 2005

SUNDAY 27TH

Centenary Service at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

MARCH 2005

Wednesday 30th TO THURSDAY 31ST.

RIBI President visits District 1080

MAY 2005

THURSDAY 12TH TO SUNDAY 15TH.

Rotary Club of Hanau-Maintal Visit To Ipswich

embody the Rotary ideal of promoting peace, international understanding, goodwill and community service.

A selection committee reviews the qualifications of each nominee and chooses a recipient and a first and second alternate. The RI president and Trustee chairman confirm the selection on behalf of the Board of Directors and Trustees. The recipient is recognized at the RI convention and receives a cash grant of US\$100,000 from The Rotary Foundation of RI for a project of the recipient's choice.

Past recipients of the Rotary award include Pope John Paul II, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, the former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela, the former President of the Czech Republic Vaclav Havel, former U.N. General Secretary Javier Perez de Cuellar and Dr. Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine.

Rotary has recently established the Rotary Centres for International Studies at prestigious universities throughout the world to advance peace and conflict resolution studies, and to create a future generation of community and world leaders. ■