

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

June 2005

From The President's Desk

May is always a busy month in our calendar, and this year is no exception.

On May the second we saw the arrival of the G.S.E. team from Argentina and the week's visit started with a lunch hosted by David and Kirsten Berridge and culminated with a rally on the Friday at Henley village hall. It proved to be a very successful visit, and my thanks go to all those involved, especially David for all his hard work.

Monday May the ninth was our Golf Day and we were blessed with good Charity account was increased by almost £2600. This I believe is the best result we have had from a Golf Day. Again I would like to thank David, Bob and Richard and all those who helped to make this such a successful day.

Hard on the heels of the Golf Day, we received a visit from our friends from the R.C. of Hanau-Maintal. It is always a pleasure to see old friends again and to see how friendships have developed over the years. Judging by the babble of conversation at the official dinner we have plenty in common.

In no time at all we were saying goodbye at Flatford Mill. Again I would like to thank Bob Fox and Tony Hill for ensuring that the weekend ran smoothly and to Sue for hosting the reception held on the first evening. Also, thanks to the hosts, especially Bob and Clare who helped me out at the last minute.

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Hanau Visit

By Gordon Kember

Between Friday 13th and Sunday 15th May Ipswich Orwell took pleasure in greeting and entertaining friends from our twinned Rotary Club of Hanau Maintal. Some members of the German party stayed at our members' homes and others used the Ipswich Novotel.



Presidents Norbert Reichold and Alan Lonsdale

On the first evening an enjoyable 'Farmhouse Supper' was held at the home of Sue Goddard in Trimley St Martin, catered by our old friend Trudy Tricker and Classic Cuisine. Hanau Maintal's president Norbert Reichold presented us with bottles of German vintage cider and the warm and friendly atmosphere of the first evening set the tone for the weekend.



Sue Goddard and Hanne Schmidt-Mixne at Farmhouse supper

On Saturday we travelled by coach to Bury St Edmunds, visiting the Abbey Gardens and the newly completed cathedral with its splendid 21st Century

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I am sorry that I was unable to participate more fully in these various events.

Yours in Rotary,

Alan ❖

Monthly Report From The Vice President

By Eddie Marsh

The phrase "that was the month that was" comes to mind, as so much has been crammed into such a short period.

Just to recap, for those with a memory like mine:

First there was the GSE visit, a superb effort from those involved, and what a wonderful group of young Argentineans they turned out to be; surely a sublime example of how reconciliation can be achieved and attitudes changed by bringing people together. The comment from one of the young students that 'you are really just like us' seemed to sum it up for me.

Then we had the exchange visit with our friends from Germany. Again the organisation was brilliant, and those involved can take a bow. They did the club and those of us that just enjoyed the whole event proud; we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Going forward, our German friends left us with some challenges for the future that we hope to meet, so as to develop the relationship in a constructive and positive way.

Somewhere amongst all this activity was our Golf Day, another blinding success. I'm running out of superlatives, but when you ask yourself how the day could be bettered you need a lie down in a darkened room for a long time to get an answer.

The proceeds to the charity account are very welcome – well done!

Unfortunately there was some unease running through all this activity and celebrations, which was our concern for 'our Madge' who was unable to attend these events, and that concern has now turned into deep sorrow and sympathy for our President Alan.

We will all miss the company, warmth and friendship of Marjory Lonsdale- 'a very lovely lady'.

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tower, then on to the Green King Brewery Museum, with a small splinter group also taking a draught at the 'Nutshell', the smallest pub in England.



The Abbey gardens and ruined walls of Benedictine abbey

Visiting the Georgian 'Theatre Royal' we had two good guides and an interesting demonstration of the theatre's history and development. A generous buffet lunch was taken at the Farmers' Club where we were greeted by the President of the Rotary Club of Bury St Edmunds. The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting other areas of special historical interest in the town before returning to Ipswich.



Outside The Greene King brewery museum

On Saturday evening a Gala dinner was organised at the Purdis Heath Golf Club, with good food, good wine and good fellowship, then on Sunday morning the coach carried us all to 'Constable Country' at Flatford Mill. Our visitors expressed great interest in the artistic legacy of Constable and were pleased to visit his actual painting locations together with a well-informed National Trust guide. After coffee and biscuits in the restaurant at Flatford it was time, all too soon, for our visitors to leave by coach for Stansted Airport. We look forward to renewing our increasingly warm fellowship with our good friends as soon as it can be arranged. ■

Picture Gallery



Argentinean Group Study Exchange team pictured with District Governor John Gillespie at the recent District Assembly



Members of the Rotary Clubs of Hanau-Maintal and Ipswich Orwell at the end of another enjoyable reunion



Barry Gibbs, the Assistant District Governor (South) at our luncheon meeting on 25th May to present his apologies for missing our Club Assembly. Appropriately humble and contrite, he was a pushover for our enthusiastic JVP Philip Morgan, who is seen selling him tickets for the Rotary Centenary Dinner Dance at the going rate

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JUNE 2005 ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

TUESDAY 14TH

5.45 pm. Club Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 15TH

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

WEDNESDAY 22ND

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

WEDNESDAY 29TH

No lunchtime meeting

Evening, Sunset Barge Cruise, Buffet Supper Handover.

Tickets: Members £17, Guest £27.

JULY 2005

WEDNESDAY 6TH

12.30 pm. Fellowship lunch at Purdis Heath Golf Club.

Northampton RC Golf Match

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

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

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Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

The May meeting was our Annual General Meeting. It is hard to believe that another year has nearly finished and soon Elizabeth will hand over to Anne Smith. Our numbers were rather depleted due to a combination of factors. Some members were away on holiday, one or two were unwell and Ipswich Town Football Club was in the playoffs that night. Less said about that the better!



Rotary had their Club Assembly on the same night and at the same venue, so it was pleasant gathering in the bar before we went our separate ways. Inner Wheel Club Officers read their reports and we discussed how to allocate the money raised for charitable causes during the year. The President's charity is the Renal Unit at Ipswich Hospital. We also voted to donate money to The Children's Hospice in Ipswich and to the District Chairman's charity for diabetes.

Our next meeting will be handover at the Club on Wednesday the 15th June at 7.30. Husbands are invited and the cost is £12.00 per person. Elizabeth is having a speaker, but it is a secret! Jacqui would like cheques sent to her by the 1st June or as soon as possible after that date, please.

The July 20th meeting will be a trip to Genesis and will have to be an early start. We are expected at 7 pm, so we need to meet at the Club at 5.45 for a 6 pm quiche and salad supper. I'll have the board with me at the June meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the handover dinner. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions about handover or directions to Genesis.

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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

WEDNESDAY 31ST

Evening tour & dinner at Ipswich Institute

OCTOBER 2005

FRIDAY 28TH

Charter Night at The Galleria, Ipswich Town Football Club

DECEMBER 2005

FRIDAY 7TH – SUNDAY 9TH

District Conference

FRIDAY 2ND

Arthritis Care Christmas Party

SATURDAY 17TH

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath.

Centenary Projects

A number of centenary projects have been undertaken in district 1080. A selection of these are shown below:

- Ely and Ely Hereward - Eel sculpture on Eel Walk
- Haverhill - Equipment for local playgroup
- Letchworth GC and Letchworth Howard – Send a cow
- Attleborough - New Band Stand on town green
- Beccles, Halesworth and Southwold - Big Band Concert
- Diss & District - Floating Fountain on the Mere
- Great Yarmouth - Purchase of special Stroke Monitor for James Paget Hospital
- Kings Lynn Priory and Kings Lynn - Obelisk on sea bank with other clubs around the Wash
- Bury St. Edmunds - Provide 6 defibrillators in major stores around town.
- Felixstowe - Wrought iron seat on the promenade