

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

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From The President's Desk

Although reports have been written concerning Burn's Night and the presentation of the mobility chair to the Arthritis Care Trust, I would like to take this opportunity in expressing my thanks to Sandra and Malcolm for all their efforts and hard work. We work hard to earn charitable funds and it is therefore pleasing at times to see an end product namely the mobility chair be used locally.

Even in Rotary the word target comes into the equation, and in this instance the figure for contribution to Foundation amounts to US\$100 per head. In order to reach this figure Bob Fox has been working and will continue to work on a schedule to take advantage of the Gift Aid scheme which will enable us to meet our requirements and due to his good housekeeping will reduce the members' monthly subscription.

David Lowe has been organising our weekly raffle for some time and he has decided to hang up his wine waiter's mantle, so thank you David for all your hard work and organisation.

Talk about coals to Newcastle, Bob Fox will be responsible for the wine.

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Rotarian's Court Appearance Before Ipswich Magistrates

By Malcolm Reece

It has come to our notice that a party of dishevelled Rotarians appeared before Ipswich magistrates recently to answer charges varying from remaining seated when ordered to stand to forcing one's wife to appear before the court on her birthday.

The shamed shall be named. They were: Rtns Kember, Firmin, Beason, Reece, Hough, Smith (P), Trower, Goddard (Sue), Field (JP) and birthday girl Mrs Marie Field.

They were guided in and out of the court rooms by court guide and mentor, Anne Walker, ably assisted by Rtn Tony Hill, JP. Having skilfully guided the accused group into the public seating area of the courts – both these distinguished people just –disappeared.

To be fair, the accused were asked if they had anything to say. Their replies varied between, "Do you have a coffee shop?" And "Which way is the loo?" To "This looks a good place for Rotary meetings, are you taking bookings?"

After asking various questions (can't remember any of them) the scurrilous group were conditionally discharged and ordered to appear later at the Curve Bar where, to their relief, they were led to the bar (the drinkies kind, thank goodness) and then allowed to partake of a sumptuous buffet lunch.

I have to add that we all took our ``punishments'' with good grace and fully appreciated that Rtn Tony and his colleague Anne Walker were just doing their job and didn't really wish us any harm!

While I remember, Peter Smith, our vocational services chairman, thanked Tony and Anne for a thoroughly enjoyable and informative morning out. Oh, and not forgetting Marie, we all wished her a very happy birthday. Well done John. Can't fault you for originality when it comes to birthday treats!

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During the month we have had two excellent speakers in Canon Sally Fogden and Judge John Devaux and I hope that the thankers to those speakers will submit a article for inclusion in the Newsletter.

On the 23rd of February the four Ipswich clubs will be meeting at the Belstead Park Hotel to commemorate the centenary of Rotary I am sure it will be a most enjoyable evening.

Last but by no means least PLEASE SUPPORT the AUCTION OF PROMISES to be held on 17th March, if you can not attend in person perhaps you could donate an item to be auctioned.

Yours in Rotary,

Alan ❖

Auction Of Promises Update

Thursday 17th March 2005
Henley Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who has contributed promises or have already bought tickets for the Auction of Promises. Tickets are available from John Field. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible so that we can let the caterer know final numbers.

The current list of promises is shown below. If you would like to make a bid for any of the lots, please contact either Sue Goddard or John Field.

Lot No Description

1. Steak Meal and Bowl for 4 people (value £64).
2. 2 Bottles of Harrods Wine.
3. A ticket in front row of Britannia Stand on 2 April for Ipswich Town Football Club Game against Derby County with lunch in the Galleria Restaurant plus a tour of the ground and a visit to the control room.
4. Hairdressing voucher for £50 at Michael Richards Hairdressers
5. Return trip for 4 + luggage to Stansted Airport.
6. A "Happiness" Cake.
7. 4 hours of work from a carpenter.
8. Will writing to the value of £75.
9. Crystal Glasses. 6 Whiskey Tumblers and 4 Gin & Tonic Glasses.
10. A ride in an Aston Martin DB9 to Newmarket Racecourse for lunch and viewing the racehorses.
11. A day's Golf for 4 people at Southwold.
12. 5lbs of ironing.
13. A summer evening cruise down the Orwell for 4 in a Sigma 36 class Bermudan (single masted) sailing yacht.
14. Meal for 2 + Wine at Spice Restaurant, Woodbridge
15. Fruit Basket Voucher for £10.
16. Professional photographer family sitting + prints. Value £250.
17. An invitation for 2 to the Club and Player Reception at the Town Hall for ITFC's promotion celebrations.
18. £50 Gift Voucher for Bob Spalding Marine and Leisure.
19. A bottle of wine.
20. One hour Shiatsu Massage.
21. Brian Jepson print.
22. Bottle of Whisky.
23. Ride in a Porsche 550 Spyder car.
24. Thai Food cookery book.
25. Marie Field's famous fruit cake.
26. A day of golf, including lunch, at a top golf course.
27. Signed Glyn Thomas print.
28. Two mirror wills.
29. A Sunday (all day) cruise in a 36 foot yacht on the Orwell for 2 – including all "refreshments"!
30. Sunday Lunch for 2 at the Compasses PH, Holbrook
31. Hair care products.
32. Two Britannia Stand tickets to see ITFC play their last home game of the season.
33. A bottle of vintage Bordeaux wine.

Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

Our speaker at the February meeting was Mrs. Melanie Hunnabal, whose topic was "A Funny Job for a Woman".

Although still a male dominated profession, more and more women are becoming funeral directors. Hunnabal of Ipswich began as a first generation firm but now has three children working in the business and it has expanded to include offices in six other areas.

Being a funeral director is a demanding but rewarding profession. One must empathise with the bereaved family and friends and at the same time have a clinical approach to funeral arrangements and an awareness of many health and safety issues. About 70% of funerals are now cremations and there is a growing interest in Green Woodland Burial services. In these multicultural times a funeral director may be called upon to provide a variety of services and requests. Tact and diplomacy are very important as is a sense of humour.



I will be away at the next meeting on the 16th March, so please give any apologies to Elizabeth by Sunday the 13th. Elizabeth will also be doing the raffle.

Our Inner Wheel spring walk has been changed from Sunday the 8th to Sunday the 22nd May. More details at a later date.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ispwichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary

MARCH 2005

WEDNESDAY 9TH

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

TUESDAY 15TH

5.45 pm. Club Council.

WEDNESDAY 16TH

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

THURSDAY 17TH

Auction of Promises at Henley Village Hall. Replacing funds sent to the Asia Appeal and for The Cooper Atkinson Trust. Items of value and promises to auction are needed. Get in touch with John Field.

WEDNESDAY 23RD

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: Lynne Eley from the Disabled Advice Bureau in Ipswich.

WEDNESDAY 30TH

NO LUNCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 30TH TO THURSDAY 31ST

RIBI President visits District 1080

APRIL 2005

WEDNESDAY 6TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: "Wines of Interest"

TUESDAY 12TH

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

WEDNESDAY 13TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Speaker: William Coe, Coes of Ipswich and beyond

WEDNESDAY 20TH

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

WEDNESDAY 27TH

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

MAY 2005

MONDAY 2ND

Group Study Exchange from Argentina. Pick up and meet at Cambridge 10am.

TUESDAY 3RD

Vocation day visits. Supper parties at hosts' homes

WEDNESDAY 4TH

Lunch Cancelled. Entertained by surrounding Rotary clubs

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Charity Golf Event

Monday 9th May 2005

Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath

By Richard Brown

Following the success of last year's golf event at which over **£2,000** was raised for charity, the President of the Rotary Club of Ipswich Orwell cordially invites you to enter a team for this year's event.

Details of the competition, an entry form and a sponsorship form, are available on the Club web-site at:

<http://www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary/golf2005>

Should you wish to enter as an individual, being made up into an ad-hoc team, please complete the entry form accordingly.

I do hope you are able to participate. For our part we will make every effort to organise the event to ensure you and your team has a splendid afternoon's golf on an excellent course, followed by dinner and prize giving.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me – Richard Brown on 01473 611111 (office) or 07808 597179 (mobile).

Last year's computerised records have been lost, and therefore I may be missing some information. I would make a special plea to all members to contact me with any details of people who they may have introduced or invited to our previous golf days, so that I can cross check against the compilation that I have had to reconstruct from manual records.

Main Competition Format - Over 18 Hole Course

- **Format:** 18 Hole Team Stableford on Handicap (Played off men's card). Team of Four (all men, ladies or mixed)
- **Starting Times:** From 1.00pm - From 1st and 11th Tees
- **Handicaps:** Club Handicaps (Ladies add 2 stroked to Club Handicap to allow for difference in SSS).
- **Handicap Allowances:** Full Handicap but with maximum allowance of 24 for Men and 32 for Ladies (including added strokes).

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THURSDAY 5TH

Vocation day visits. Supper with hosts.

FRIDAY 6TH

Leisure activities for team. Rally at Henley Village Hall 7.30 pm. Sausages and Mash Supper. Everyone welcome to see the Teams Presentation

SATURDAY 7TH

Group Study Exchange team departs.
District Assembly

MONDAY 9TH

Annual Golf Charity event, at Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath, from 1:00pm. See opposite for further details.

TUESDAY 10TH

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

WEDNESDAY 11TH

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

THURSDAY 12TH TO SUNDAY 15TH.

Hanau-Maintal Visit To Ipswich

WEDNESDAY 18TH

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

WEDNESDAY 25TH

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

- **Scores Counted:** The best 3 scores (Stableford points) to count at each hole.
- **Tees:** Men off yellow tee markers, Ladies off red tee markers.
- **Winning Team:** Team with the best aggregate of points for 18 holes. Countback in the event of tied scores
- **Other Prizes:** Longest Drive - Hole 18, Nearest the Pin - Hole 15

Catering Arrangements

All competitors are welcome to take advantage of the clubs excellent catering facilities prior to the competition. Dinner is included and will be provided immediately following your competition round. Following dinner will be the prize giving.

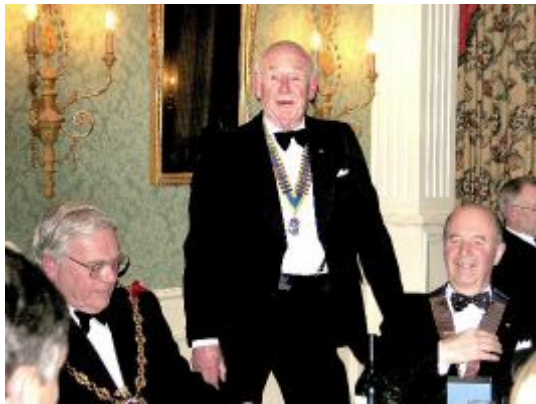
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Picture Gallery

Photographs By Gordon Kember



President Alan with guest speaker judge John Devaux who spoke at the luncheon meeting on 9th February about his experiences of the country, history and people of Rumania.



President Alan Lonsdale at the Rotary Centennial Dinner at Belstead Brook Hotel on 23rd February proposes a toast to the guests. The principal guest, his Worshipful the Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Roger Fern, is on the left and the President of the Ipswich Rotary Club, Rotarian Robert Sambrook, is on the right.



At the Rotary Centennial Dinner on 23rd February - Past Presidents Gordon Kember and Peter Hopper.



The Worshipful the Mayor of Ipswich, councillor Roger Fern, speaking at the Rotary Centennial Dinner at Belstead Brook Hotel on 23rd February on the contributions made by Rotary to the world and to the local community. In the foreground is the President of the Ipswich Rotary Club, Rotarian Robert Sambrook, and in the background are Rotarians Philip Moran and Peter Townlev. ■

Thanks For The Power

The following letter has been received following the recent presentation of an electric powerchair to the Ipswich Branch of Arthritis Care.



Dear Alan,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you again to thank you and all the members of the Orwell Rotary Club for the very generous donation of an electric wheelchair to the Ipswich Branch of Arthritis Care.

The "Vienna" is an excellent machine and I was very impressed with its manoeuvrability when I tried it out on Friday evening. It will make quite a difference to our members who struggle to manage the short distance between their transport and the hall. Also, it will be useful on our outings to help members move around.

Please pass on our thanks to all your members who helped in any way with the donation of the chair, and especially to Malcolm who obviously played a big part in its purchase.

Your Sincerely,
Secretary, Ipswich Branch.