

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

May 2005

From The President's Desk

April has been a fairly quiet month, although Martin and I attended the District Council. There were no great revelations, other than two District Council Committees still needed a Chairman or should that read a Chairperson.

As I have indicated before Peter Townley has provided an excellent range of speakers, and this month has been no exception with presentations from Wines of Interest. I guess Bob Fox was behind this one, and William Coe from Coes of Ipswich.

On the 20th we had a visit from Kelsey Jannif of the Suva North Club Fuji, and it's interesting to learn of that Club's activities.

Kelsey has received the Paul Harris Award and, as in the U.K., the award has to be earned - witness Bob Fox and Alan Swann.

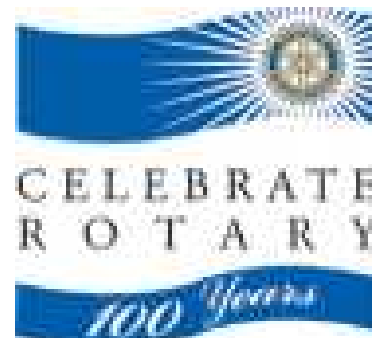
I have just received a copy of the publication Rotary World, and one article related to District 5150 California in which any Rotarian contributing U.S.\$750 to the Foundation Appeal would become Paul Harris Fellow. In all 223 awards were made, I think our system is better but then I may be wrong.

Also in the publication there is a photograph of a group of delegates attending the First Convention all the Rotarians were wearing long top coats and sporting top hats or bowlers, not a flat cap to be seen, times have changed.

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100 Not Out The Centenary

By Philip Morgan



It is like good batsmen in cricket having scored a ton. Time to raise the bat whilst at the same time realising that his responsibility is to stay at the crease to help add to the score. Arguably determination to do the latter has been no better demonstrated by the collective response of Rotarians to the Tsunami.

We are also I believe right to have marked the occasion. In Ipswich the four clubs decided to do this by presenting a sun dial to the town. Our club readily put aside funds for the project and during the next few weeks we should see the project advance towards completion. The first signs of activity at the site are now visible with the removal of an area of tarmac. As we go to and from the Bistro we are well placed to watch over the area.

Rotarians also marked the occasion with the Centenary Dinner in February at the Belstead Brook. Aside from the completion of the sun dial, we have to look forward to the Centenary Dinner Dance on Saturday 4th June at the Elizabeth Copdock Hotel and tickets for this are now available at £28 per person. Organised by the four Ipswich clubs, this is an opportunity for Ipswich Rotarians to mix with each other together with their partners and guests. I hope that this event will be well supported by Orwellians, any surplus of funds raised on the night going towards the sun dial project.

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I will send the photo to Steve to see if he can work his magic and reproduce it for the Newsletter. April may have been quiet but May will make up for it, so let's enjoy ourselves.

Yours in Rotary,

Alan ❖

Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

Mrs Maraday Robinson was our speaker at the April meeting. Her topic was "Holiday in Peru". During the talk we listened to music of the Andes and looked at lovely photographs. Peru is a varied country with wonders such as Lake Titicaca, the highest lake in the world. The people there live on floating islands made from reeds. The true home of the Incas is the old capital, Cusco, which is at an altitude of 11,000 feet. Even more famous is Machu Picchu which is now a World Heritage Site. Lima, the capital is on the coast where it has not rained for about 30 years. Any moisture comes from sea mists due to the cold current. Agriculture is mainly subsistence farming, but there are exports of asparagus, potatoes and green beans. After the talk, Mrs Robinson produced a blender and the ingredients for Pisco Sour cocktails which we all enjoyed.



The following week Elizabeth and I attended the Felixstowe Inner Wheel Inter-Club tea. Mr. Patrick Thompson entertained us with tales of "Royal Weddings" past and present. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and we renewed friendships with other club members in the district.

Our next meeting is the AGM on Wednesday the 18th May. Would Inner Wheel members please let me know by Sunday the 15th if they are unable to attend the meeting. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary

MAY 2005

WEDNESDAY 11TH

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

FRIDAY 13TH TO SUNDAY 15TH.

Hanau-Maintal Visit To Ipswich. See page 2 for further details.

Afternoon. Arrival.

SATURDAY 14TH

Morning/Afternoon. Visit to Bury St Edmunds.

Evening. Dinner at Purdis Heath Golf Club.

SUNDAY 15TH

Morning. Visit to Flatford Mill.

Afternoon. Departure.

WEDNESDAY 18TH

No lunchtime meeting.

7.00pm for 7.30pm, Ipswich & Suffolk Club. Club Assembly.

WEDNESDAY 25TH

12.55 pm. Business Meeting, Bistro On The Quay

JUNE 2005 ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

WEDNESDAY 1ST

Breakfast Meeting, Holbrook Compasses.

SATURDAY 4TH

7.30pm for 8.00pm, 'Centenary Dinner Dance' organised by the Rotary Clubs of Ipswich, Elizabeth Copdock Hotel, Ipswich. Three course meal, followed by dancing to 60's & 70's music. Dress D.J'S or Lounge Suits. Tickets are £28 per person. Carriages 1.00am. Tickets available through Philip Morgan.

WEDNESDAY 8TH

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

TUESDAY 14TH

5.45 pm. Club Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 15TH

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

FRIDAY 17TH

Centenary Ball

WEDNESDAY 22ND

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

WEDNESDAY 29TH

No lunchtime meeting

Evening, Sunset Barge Cruise, Buffet Supper Handover.

Tickets: Members £17, Guest £27.

Picture Gallery

Picture By Gordon Kember



Jonathon Williamson of "Wines of Interest" gave an interesting talk on 6th April about the production and classification of ports and sherries and we joined him in a pleasant tasting. Here he discusses the merits of Old Pedro Ximenex Sherry with Honorary member Rotarian Ken Holroyd.



William Coe spoke on 13 April about the history and organisation of his family business as gentlemen's and ladies' outfitters in East Anglia. Rotarian Peter Townley spoke highly of the service provided by Coes and here he tries to arrange a suitable discount on his next purchase.



Seen here with International Committee Chairman John Field is Rotarian Kelsey Jannif from the Rotary Club of Suva North in Fiji, who visited us on 20th April. Staying with friends in Colchester she located Ipswich Orwell's details, "including a map", from our website. Kelsey was President of Suva North in 1995-96 and has a Paul Harris Fellowship. She works in her husband's photographic business and her classification is "Photographic Processing Digital Imaging". John Field, newly returned from India, brought us up to date with the work being done there by the Cooper-Atkinson Trust which benefits from the support of our club.

Centennial Bell

From Rotary Newsbasket

Similar to the travelling Olympic torch, five Rotary Centennial bells are circulating to clubs in every Rotary country, starting at the RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia, in June 2003. The bells' journeys will symbolise the internationality of Rotary as they crisscross the globe.

One bell will travel to the first 100 clubs to join Rotary International, while the others will travel to the first Rotary club formed in each country of four regions, according to RI archives: Asia and the Pacific; Latin American and the Caribbean; Africa; and Europe. Due to differences in shipping systems between countries in Africa, individual bells will be delivered by the district governors to the first clubs chartered in each country.

The bells' journeys will end in Chicago in June 2005 when they ring in the start of the centennial RI Convention.

Note that the bells progress can be tracked on the Rotary web-site:

www.rotary.org/centennial/activities/centennial_bell.html ■