

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

November 2006

From The President's Desk

Since last months news letter, two important dates in the club diary have passed.

Firstly we had the Alton Water Challenge which took place on a lovely sunny autumn Sunday. Turn out on the day exceeded projections made in the days immediately before and the event was exceedingly well organised by a team led by Brian Beason. With competition from other charity events, achieving mass participation in this type of activity is a stiff challenge.

With a traditional format this years Charter Night appears to have been enjoyed by all who attended, this due to the extraordinary efforts of the organising team led by our senior vice president , the skill of our vice junior president acting as toast master and the interesting speech given by our main speaker Rachel Sloane. We also heard from District Governor Nigel Neville who was extremely complimentary about the content our web site. It was a proud President who listened to Rachel Sloane on her breakfast show the next morning and this was heightened when one of our members partners called in to speak on air.

With many projects in the pipeline I am confident things will go from strength to strength during the remainder of this rotary year. In November we will completing the joint project we have established with Hanau Maintal club by handing over a cheque for £2,500 to the Children's Hospice. This project belongs to our immediate past president and it is pleasing we have been able to add £500 with a District grant.

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28th Charter Night Dinner

By Malcolm Reece

Being thrown in at the deep end to see if you can swim can sometimes lead to disaster. However, I'm delighted to be able to report that throwing our Senior Vice President Alan Page in at the deep end of organising our Charter dinner was a resounding success.

Orwell's 28th Charter Night at Fynn Valley Golf Club on Friday 3rd November was an enjoyable experience from start to finish, and Alan must be congratulated for pulling it all together in such fine style.

President Philip was well supported on the night by several of our senior members working behind the scenes to ensure everything went smoothly, and it seems appropriate at this stage to say a special thank-you to Sonja for her beautiful flower arrangements which added a touch of class to the evening.



District Governor Nigel Neville

Several of our neighbouring Rotary clubs were represented and we were delighted to give a warm

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With our quiz night on the 5th Wednesday in November, followed closely by the Arthritic Care Christmas Party we have a things to keep us busy in the next few weeks.

Yours in Rotary,

Philip ❖

Inner Wheel Notes

By Ann Orvis, Club Correspondent
Our October meeting was very interesting and enjoyable. We each gave reports of our first paid jobs. These ranged from childhood experiences of tasks we took on to earn pocket money, to our first jobs in the workplace after leaving school. The extremely varied accounts covered paper rounds, amusing experiences whilst doing part-time work as a student, taking batteries to be recharged and pest control!

The next meeting will be on November 15th, when Susan Morgan will give a talk about Christmas traditions and food in the Philippines. Please let Anne Smith (01473 682069) know by Thursday 9th November if you are not able to come to the meeting. ■

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Featuring

Concert Of Carols, Music And Christmas Readings;

Followed By Mince Pies & Mulled Wine With Music

By The Nightingale Quintet; Prize Raffle

To Be Held At

**The Church Of St Mary & St Botolph
Whitton Church Lane Ipswich
7.00pm Friday 15 December 2006**

Admission To Concert By Programme

£5 Per Adult And Accompanied Children Free

Light Refreshments Are Included

Retiring Collection Following Carol Concert

Programmes From Church, Macmillan, Rotary Members

Or Phone Tony Hill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.ispwichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary

November 2006 Rotary Foundation Month

WEDNESDAY 8TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Foundation
Speaker: Jamie Brodie, Managing Director of Town FM,
Ipswich's new radio station

WEDNESDAY 15TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Foundation
Speaker: Caroline Morey speaking on Disability Care

THURSDAY 16TH

Kingpin Bowling Challenge, Kingpin, Martlesham Heath

SATURDAY 18TH

Collection for St Elizabeths Hospice at Asda (8am to 4pm)

TUESDAY 21ST

5.30 pm. Club Council Meeting, Jackaman, Smith and
Mulley offices.

WEDNESDAY 22ND

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Business & SGM

WEDNESDAY 29TH

5th Wednesday event, Orwell Quiz Night.

DECEMBER 2006 FAMILY MONTH

FRIDAY 1ST

Arthritis Care Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY 6TH

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

WEDNESDAY 13TH

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

FRIDAY 15TH

7:00pm, annual MacMillan Christmas Carol Service Concert
at Whitton Church (see poster opposite)

SATURDAY 16TH

Christmas dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

TUESDAY 19TH

5.30 pm. Club Council Meeting, Jackaman, Smith and
Mulley offices.

WEDNESDAY 20TH

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

WEDNESDAY 27TH

NO MEETING

welcome to District Governor Nigel Neville, and Mrs Neville, and to our guest speaker Rachel Sloane, of BBC Radio Suffolk.

District Governor Neville, who proposed a toast to Rotary International, referred to the continuing success of Rotary Foundation's world wide programme to eradicate polio. He reminded us that when the programme started in 1985 there were 350,000 cases; last year the number was down to 1,831 in only four countries and this year it was reduced even further to about 1,000. "We are nearly there," he said.

The District Governor congratulated the club for continuing to work actively in the community, particularly with arthritis care and other organisations such as the children's hospice.



President Philip

President Philip, who responded and proposed a toast to our guests, said Ipswich Orwell had always been a strong supporter of Rotary Foundation and promised that the club would continue the work. Philip expressed thanks to Alan Page for his efforts and all the people who helped, including founder President Alan Swan. He also expressed special thanks to Sonya for the flowers.



Rachel Sloane

Rachel Sloane, who responded on behalf of guests, traced many of the highlights in a career at Suffolk Radio spanning 25 years. "You never know what is going to happen, and you never know what people are going to say," she said. Rachel entertained us for about half an hour and then slipped away to grab a few hours sleep prior to her 6 am start at Suffolk Radio. Thanks Rachel for sparing the time.

Last but by no means least, a "tail-end" special mention for Junior Vice President Peter Townley, who carried out our toastmaster duties as if he had been born to the job. Peter, we can now look forward to next year!

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Rachel's profile is available on the BBC Radio Suffolk web-site, together with a report on her visit to Mozambique:

www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk

Further information on the Ipswich-Beira Charity, which was established to support a twinning arrangement between the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust and the new Faculty of Medicine of the Catholic University and the Central Hospital Beira. can be found at:

www.ipswich-mozambique-health.org.uk

Duxford Visit

Words and Pictures By Gordon Kember

We obtained insufficient support to hire a coach for our visit to Duxford on Sunday 22nd October, but twelve Rotarians and friends (ten adults and two children) drove over and assembled in the restaurant at 10.30am to enjoy a fascinating visit to this historical branch of the Imperial War Museum. A large new hanger has been erected to display the latest exhibition entitled "Air Space", showing the development of British aircraft engines, avionics and classic aircraft, with interactive displays to instruct and challenge both children and adults in the principles of flight.



Duxford American Air Force Museum. A McDonnell Douglas F4-J Phantom



Duxford's newest "Air Space" hanger. Taxiing across the grass is David Lowe



At the Land War Exhibition. A Centurian Mark 5 AVRE (Assault Vehicle Royal Engineers) featuring a bulldozer blade and a 165mm demolition cannon



"Air Space" exhibition. An English Electric Lightning F1 overflown by a Canberra bomber



Land War Exhibition. The Far East land battles. According to David Lowe, who fought the Japanese at Kohima, the British mule trains carried essential supplies heroically and reliably through the jungle where no other vehicle could travel

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