

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

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From The President's Desk

Looking back to the last August offering from "the desk" I rather assumed that the amazing summer we had enjoyed was close to coming to an end and, as always, mother nature would get us to pay with a miserable approach to Autumn. Not a bit of it – apart from one nasty storm of high winds and lashing rain we have continued to enjoy spectacular periods of sunshine stretching through over to our Alton Water Walk on the 28th.

Brian and Sue (with their usual penchant for administration) were in attendance well before 9 am and a trio of Orwell sweatshirts adorned three white haired and sizeable Rotarians who were soon on duty booking in the walkers. Among the charities benefiting from their efforts were the Richmond Fellowship, Save the Children, the British Heart Foundation, CLIC, the Children's Hospice and the Anchor Trust. In addition some 25 walkers were the Choristers of St. Mary le Tower and their parents/supporters. They came along about 12.30 having done their duty at the Tower, raising approximately £1,000 for the charity that supports their musical education and training.

One individual who merits a personal message of congratulation is Dr. Michael Nicholas, the Musical Director, who arrived at Heathrow Airport at 5 am that morning.

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Visit To The Chatham Royal Dockyard

Sunday 7 September 2003

By Gordon Kember

The visit, arranged by Peter Smith to Chatham Dockyard on Sunday 7th September, was enjoyed by several Orwellians, their families and friends. The Royal Naval Dockyard at Chatham closed in 1984 and the 80-acre site beside the Medway is now a fascinating tourist centre.



HMS Cavalier

Historic Chatham prepared the ships of the Elizabethan navy in 1588 for battle against the Spanish Armada, and rope for sailing ships has been laid at Chatham since the year 1618. Nelson's Victory was built near the dry dock that houses the last remaining Second World War destroyer, HMS Cavalier, awarded the Battle Honour 'Arctic 1945' for its valiant support of Russian Convoy RA64.



HM Submarine Ocelot

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After a brief period of recovery from examining for the Royal School of Music in Singapore, he arrived at 1 pm and completed the walk setting a splendid example. It's too early to have accurate figures for the results and Sue will no doubt report from time to time. To her, Brian and the Committee a sincere vote of thanks. It was, as always, well worth all the effort. By the way, the boys are already talking of doing it again next year!

Our efforts to increase membership are bearing fruit and hopefully will continue throughout the year. Having welcomed Martin Hough to Orwell on his retirement to Suffolk and Steve Canham, our webmaster, we look forward to introducing Alan Page at our business meeting on the 1st October. Alan is a sailing enthusiast (we have another in the Club!) and currently the Commodore of the Orwell Yacht Club. He is also a golfer, but like them all, tends to play down his abilities. He is the Practice Director of Jackaman Smith & Mulley in Northgate Street having joined the firm a number of years ago. We look forward to his fellowship and what he can bring to the Club. In membership terms, the first three months of this year have been very successful and it is my hope that we can continue building in this way as the future of our Club depends upon it. Eddie Marsh will give you all the help he can as Membership Committee Chairman and another 3 or 4 suitable candidates in this Rotary Year will be a really encouraging result for our efforts in this direction.

Charter Night – nay – JUBILEE Charter Night occurs on the 17 October. An enormous amount of preparation by Eddie, Tony, Bob and Alan has gone into the event – let alone the whole programme for the weekend. Quite a number of our past Presidents are coming back to visit us including Philip Reynolds who, having been trained by Ipswich Orwell, rose to the distinction of Governor of District 1090 after moving to Windsor. It should be a wonderful evening of celebration and camaraderie not only with reminiscences from the past but also with our new friends from Hanau Maintal.

Finally, a date for your diaries – District Governor Malcolm Whittley visits the Club on Wednesday, 29 October. There is no such thing in Rotary as a three line whip but a good attendance would put your President in a far more comfortable state of mind!

Yours in Rotary
Derek ❖

CENTENNIAL NEWS



It's now less than a year and a half until 23 February 2005, when the Rotary organisation will be 100 years old. The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on

23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

The first anniversary event has been planned for more than 20 years. It is the completion of the Polio Eradication programme, which will be the most historic event in Rotary's Centennial celebration.

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY PROJECT

Rotary Clubs around the world are planning to complete a worthwhile community project called the Rotary Centennial Community Project. It will be a permanent facility or resource in the community, which reflects what Rotary, does to build better communities. The four rotary clubs of Ipswich are combining their efforts and are discussing a couple of potential joint projects. One is a commemorative clock, to be located down on the Ipswich waterside, and the other is a commemorative garden in Christchurch Park.

ROTARY CENTENNIAL TWIN CLUB PROGRAM

Rotary International is encouraging clubs to participate in the Rotary Centennial Twin Club Program. Twin clubs are two clubs from different countries that have established strong ties and have agreed to team up to complete a special program. Our twin club is the Rotary Club of Hanau-Maintal in Germany and a special program for both clubs has yet to be decided upon.

CENTENARY COMMITTEE

In preparation for the centennial, RIBI has started to organise activities and has established a Centenary committee. Our District Centenary Officer for 1080 is John Gillespie, DG Elect for 2004-5.

ROTARY CENTENARY STAMP

As part of the celebrations, negotiations are continuing with the Royal Mail for a commemorative stamp to be issued. A decision will not be made until 2004. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(WWW.ISPWICHORWELLROTARY.FSNET.CO.UK/DIARY)

OCTOBER 2003 VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

WEDNESDAY 8TH

12.55pm Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Helen Peace, Ipswich Hospital, "Work of Patient Advise and Liaison Service"

TUESDAY 14TH

5.45pm Club Council (MLM)

WEDNESDAY 15TH

No Meeting

FRIDAY 17TH TO SUNDAY 19TH

Visit by members of the Rotary Club of Hanau-Maintal

FRIDAY 17TH

TOWN HALL - 25TH CHARTER NIGHT DINNER

SATURDAY 18TH

10.00am All day trip to Southwold & Saxtead Green

8.00pm Informal dinner groups

SUNDAY 19TH

10.45am Guided tour of Ipswich Waterfront

12.00pm Light lunch on the quayside

WEDNESDAY 22ND

12.55pm Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Mrs Rhian Anstey, Project Manager, Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, "Planned Treatment Critical Care Centre"

WEDNESDAY 29TH

12.55pm Town Hall Lunch + Visit by District Governor

2.15pm Club Council + DG (Costas)

NOVEMBER 2003 ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

TUESDAY 4TH

5.45p.m. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 5TH

12.55pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business & Special General Meeting

TUESDAY 11TH

5.45pm. Club Council (MLM)

WEDNESDAY 12TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA (Foundation)

WEDNESDAY 19TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA (Foundation)

WEDNESDAY 26TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA (Foundation)

SATURDAY 29TH

District Council Meeting at Mildenhall (all day)

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Alongside is berthed HM Submarine Ocelot, a diesel-electric patrol submarine launched in 1964, and the last Royal Naval warship to be completed at Chatham dockyard.



HMS Gannet

Nearby is HMS Gannet, a three-masted Victorian warship driven by sail and by steam, built in Sheerness in 1878.

The dry docks, the covered slipways, machine shops, steam engines, cranes, timber sheds, mast pond, naval offices, the display of historic lifeboats and the famous ropery with its quarter-mile walk are all well presented.



Early RNLI Sail Boat

We laid our own length of rope in the ropery, took a half-hour river trip on the paddle steamer Kingswear Castle, and after lunch (a quick snack at "Jolly Jacks") we were privileged to tour the cramped quarters of the warships HMS Cavalier and HM Submarine Ocelot. It was a great day out. ■

Funny Footnotes

Submitted by Alex & Edward Canham
Q: What do you call a group of helicopters?
A: A Rotary Club. ■

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

DECEMBER 2003

WEDNESDAY 3RD

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting

FRIDAY 5TH

7.00pm Arthritis Care Club Christmas buffet/entertainment.

TUESDAY 9TH

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 10TH

12.55 pm Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA

TUESDAY 16TH

5.45 pm. Club Council (MLM).

WEDNESDAY 17TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Christmas Lunch

SATURDAY 20TH

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

WEDNESDAY 24TH - NO MEETING

WEDNESDAY 31ST - NO MEETING

Fancy A Rotary Whisky?

Fancy trying The Rotary Malt whisky? The Rotary Club of Elgin are spearheading this exciting fundraising project by teaming up with one of Scotland's leading whisky producers. The Rotary Malt is a 10-year-old Speyside single malt whisky. For each bottle sold, the equivalent of 6 polio vaccinations is donated to Rotary Foundation. You can comfortably raise a glass and know that you're helping Rotary and its charitable works around the world.

Bottles cost £18.75 (+ £4.99 P&P) and can be purchased from:

http://www.whiskynet.com/rotary/rotary_en.htm ■

How About Charity Water?

An interesting fund-raising idea was seen recently on eBay, the Internet auction site. Someone was selling a "Fabulous bucket of Bristol tap water" in aid of Oxfam. Auction included the blue plastic bucket and bids had reached £430 with 5 days still to go! ■

Ipswich Orwell Web Site

Extract From Lunch Presentation, 10 September 2003

By Steve Canham



Aim Of The Web Site

The aim of the Ipswich Orwell Rotary web site is to promote and publicise the activities of the Rotary organisation, particularly those of Ipswich Orwell. Using the Internet as a vehicle we are able to share information quickly (such as diary, news and events) as well as having a useful information repository. The site is primarily targeted at club members, but also potentially for visiting Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike who wish for further details about the club, meeting arrangements and general information about the Rotary organisation.

Rotary International Message

According to The Rotarian (June 2001), the Internet is helping Rotarians worldwide to "more effectively carry out RI's humanitarian mission." As of December 2002, nearly 100% of DGs had Internet access, over 3,200 clubs (11%) and nearly 400 districts had web sites registered with RI. More Rotarians are using the Internet to promote the good works of Rotary to the public.

Birth Of Ipswich Orwell Site

Initial content, design and style concepts of the web site were drafted around 2 years ago. The web site itself was launched March 2002. We're now 18 month old! During this time, the site has evolved. In fact, new diary and news pages were introduced this summer.

Site Usage

Over the past couple of months, the usage of the site has increased to around 30-60 hits per week. This works out at around one visit per member each week.

The Future

More content will be added to the site over the coming months. We're now starting to build up an archive of the Orwell Newsletter and are including information and photographs from recent events. In the future we may look to having a members area of the site, which will allow us to retain other types of information.

If you haven't had a look at the site, then please have a browse around. You can find it on:

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

Don't forget, it's your web site, so please let me know if you have any ideas or information that you'd like included. You can contact me via email on:

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