

# The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

October 2004

## From The President's Desk

It never rains but it pours. We knew that we had to vacate the Town Hall by the end of this year due to structural alteration planned for next year. In addition, Trudie advised us that, owing to various reasons, she and her team could no longer provide catering facilities. However she was prepared to look after us until the end of the year, should the need arise. Eddie and his team of researchers are now looking at various alternatives in Ipswich, and he will keep the members fully informed of developments when they occur.

On a personal note, when we find a new venue I would opt for a one course main meal with coffee. This would help to keep costs down but, more importantly, it would give our speakers more time to make their presentations.

Today, virtually every disaster is bought into our living room and Sudan is no different. As we had a "surplus" of approximately £330 from our frugal lunch, together with a donation from the Landguard Fort evening, it was agreed that we fund the cost of sending an emergency box to the Sudan. I know it's only a drop in the ocean, but every little helps.

Having watched the weather forecast all week with some trepidation, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of September dawned bright and sunny, if somewhat windy. I would be grateful if the Rev. Peter would pass on our thanks to

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## More Charities Benefit from The Alton Water Challenge



By Malcolm Reece

Cystic Fibrosis, Cancer Research, British Red Cross, the Sudan Emergency Fund and many other worthy causes benefited on Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> Sept) when Ipswich Orwell Rotary Club staged its annual Alton Water Challenge.

Those who took part this year pleased themselves how they completed the eight miles circuit of the reservoir. A large number of people got on their bikes, while others walked fast, slow and indifferently – and one went around the circuit so fast we couldn't believe our eyes when he reported back to us for his certificate.

It's well worth recording that this person, Guays Atkins, of Manningtree, completed the distance in 57min 24sec and by doing it under the hour all his sponsors had to pay him double. We could do with a few more like him for next year's effort!

The latest figure on the amount raised is about £3,200, which means that President Alan's chosen charity, Cystic Fibrosis, will benefit by well over £1,000.

As organiser of this year's event, I was delighted by the amount of help I received, particularly from President Alan, Vice President Eddie Marsh, Gordon Kember, Carole Lockett and Immediate Past President Derek Firmin. If I have forgotten anyone they have my permission to kick me later.

As a footnote, it's worth mentioning that many Rotarians, although knowing the date of the event months in advance, still managed to be away or unable to help on the day. I wonder if next year they might enter the date in their diaries in large letters and offer a helping hand. This might possibly enable the same old faces, who seem to turn up every year, to take a day off!

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his boss. I would like to especially thank Malcolm Reece and all those who supported him. Thanks also to Eddie for supplying the gazebo at such short notice. However, during the course of the morning the equivalent of Hurricane Ivan hit Alton Water and it was decided to dismantle the gazebo, as the feeling was that Eddie would not be too chuffed in fishing it out of the reservoir.

Our thanks go to all the participants. By opening up the event we had a number of cyclists and one runner. Although the figures are not in, the total raised should be in the region of £3500.

Everybody contributed, but I would like to mention two. The runner, who came via Nigel Steed, completed the course in 57 minutes. His sponsors said that they would double their contributions if he completed the run in under an hour. I hope you are reading this Nigel! The other was a young cyclist who completed the course in 48 minutes. He raised £120 for the British Heart Foundation. He chose that charity as his grandfather suffered from a heart complaint – who said that the youngsters of today do not care.

So thank you all. I think that everybody enjoyed themselves and at the same time doing a lot of good.

My next challenge is my Charter Night presentation. Is there a scriptwriter in the Club? If so, please let me know.

Yours in Rotary,

*Alan* ❖

## Gala Celebration Royal Albert Hall

From RIBI News  
Friday 29th April 2005  
Royal Albert Hall  
Kensington Gore  
London, SW7 2AP

Don't miss the chance to attend this very special evening in celebration of 100 years of the Rotary movement. Held in the unique setting of the Royal Albert Hall - surely one of the world's greatest and most prestigious venues, in conjunction with the Leukaemia Research Fund, this will be a night to remember.

The programme will feature some of the world's greatest and best-loved music, performed by Bands of the Coldstream Guards and Scots Guards. Frank Renton, the broadcaster and highly acclaimed international conductor, will comper the evening. It promises to be a truly memorable night out.

For those wishing to make the most of London, we have got together with Newmarket Promotions, one of the country's leading tour operators, to offer you great value on overnight and weekend breaks.

Packages start at just £89.95 per person including bed and continental breakfast at the 4 star Thistle City Barbican Hotel, coach transfers to and from the Royal Albert Hall and a choice of either stalls or arena seating for the Centenary Celebration.

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE PART OF THIS PRESTIGIOUS OCCASION** ■

## Spice Bar And Restaurant

Vocational, Social & Fund  
Raising Event

27th October 2004

A Cooking Demonstration & Talk by the Chef Proprietor, Vernon Blackmore at 17 The Thoroughfare Woodbridge, 7.00 for 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th October 2004

This will be followed by Supper: comprising a selection from the three Main Courses demonstrated, a Dessert from the board and a Filter Coffee.

There will be a Raffle for Prizes kindly donated by our hosts, Vernon & Victoria.



All proceeds from the evening will go towards the relief of leukaemia sufferers and Victoria Shelley will introduce the local charity.

Tickets, obtainable from Rtn Tony Hill, are priced £10 for Ipswich Orwell Rotarians & £20 for guests. This covers the cost of the demonstration and the meal; your drinks will be charged separately.

## INNER WHEEL



*Past President Pam Hill (right) hands over to President  
2004/2005 Elizabeth Cage*

IPSWICH ORWELL INNER WHEEL CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005	
PRESIDENT	Elizabeth Cage
VICE PRESIDENT	Anne Smith
TREASURER	Jacqui Barker
SECRETARY	Janet Firmin
SOCIAL & PROGRAMME	Rita Marsh & Susan Morgan
PAST PRESIDENT & EXTENSION	Pam Hill

The Inner Wheel Club of Ipswich Orwell meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except August. Our venue is The Ipswich & Suffolk Club, Northgate Street, Ipswich. We meet there at 7.15 for 7.30 for dinner followed by a speaker, a social evening or a business meeting.

Our programme for the year is as follows:-

2004

OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Speaker - Rev. Joyce Willis "Life's a Challenge"

NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Speaker - Win Forton "The War Years and After"

DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Christmas Dinner 7.45 for 8pm "An Arabian Night" with Aravis Story Teller

2005

JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

Business Meeting Visit of District Chairman Margaret Barbour

FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

Speaker - Mrs Hunnibal "A Funny Job for a Woman"

MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>

Business Meeting

APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

Speaker - Mrs Maraday Robinson "Holiday in Peru"

MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

AGM

JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

Handover Dinner 7.45 for 8 pm Ipswich & Suffolk Club

JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>

Outing to Genesis details t.b.a.

## INNER WHEEL NOTES

BY PAM HILL

Our July meeting was the first in new President Elizabeth Cage's year. Alan Swann kindly gave us a talk about the history of the wet dock and the present and future plans for what we now call the Waterfront. It was a lovely summer evening, yachts were at anchor, and the new flats overlooking the water looked very smart. We wondered which ones we could afford! Apparently most are sold, many as "buy to let". The whole area is bustling with activity - not only restaurants and bars but also art galleries and shops. And more of everything is planned for the near future.

Our most enjoyable evening talk was followed by an excellent dinner upstairs at Bistro on the Quay. We did feel sorry for a father and son trying to have dinner there that evening. Our table of 18 ladies (Alan had declined our invitation) was soon joined by another table of 10 ladies.....lively conversation echoed around the room!

At our meeting at the Ipswich & Suffolk Club on 20th October, the guest speaker will be the Reverend Joyce Willis "Life's a Challenge". Rotary wives are more than welcome. If you would like to come along, please let me know by Sunday 17th October. Further programme details are on the web site

[www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/innerwhl.htm](http://www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/innerwhl.htm).

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## Funny Footnote

### Office lingo

**Blamestorming** - sitting around in a group discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed and who was responsible.

**Beepilepsy** - The brief seizure people sometimes suffer when their mobile phones go off in vibrator mode. Characterised by physical spasms, goofy facial expressions, and stopping speech in mid-sentence.

**Cube farm** - an office filled with cubicles.

**Ego surfing** - scanning the Net, databases, print media, and so on, looking for references to one's own name.

**Prairie dogging** - something loud happens in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.

**Mouse potato** - the on-line generation's answer to the couch potato.

**Ohnosecond** - that minuscule fraction of time in which you realise you've just made a big mistake.

**SITCOM** - stands for Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage.

**Stress puppy** - a person who thrives on being stressed-out and whiny.

**Dead Tree Edition** - The paper version of a publication available in both paper and electronic forms, as in: "The dead tree edition of The Times..."

**Greybar Land** - The place you go while you're staring at a computer that's processing something very slowly (while you watch the grey bar creep across the screen). "I was in greybar land for what seemed like hours."

**Open-Collar Workers** - People who work at home or telecommute.

**Cobweb Site** - A World Wide Web Site that hasn't been updated for a long time. A dead web page.

**Keyboard Plaque** - The disgusting build-up of dirt and other substances found on computer keyboards.

**Alpha Geek** - The most knowledgeable, technically proficient person in an office or work group. "

**Chainsaw consultant** - an outside expert brought in to reduce the employee headcount, leaving the top brass with clean hands



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[www.ispwichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary](http://www.ispwichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary)

OCTOBER 2004

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Evening. Charter Night Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Rob Smith, Manager of the Port of Ipswich

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Mike Atkinson, Martin and Newby

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

7.00pm. Ten Pin Bowling evening with Manningtree Rotary Club. Cost per bowler £12.50 per head including supper. Contact Bob Bacon for further details.

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

NO LUNCH MEETING

7.00 for 7.30pm. A Cooking Demonstration & Talk at the Spice Restaurant in Woodbridge. Contact Tony Hill for Further details.

NOVEMBER 2004 ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

12.55 PM. TOWN HALL LUNCH + SPEAKER TBA

WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Iain Livingstone, GSE officer, "Argentinians visit"

TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

5.45PM. CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Brian Baxter, Foundation District Chairman

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Carolyne Morey, Disability Care Enterprise

DECEMBER 2004

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Ken Seagar, Acting Chief Fire Officer

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Neil Watts, Head of Northgate High School

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# Extracts From 1080 DG's October Newsletter

Available in full on the Rotary 1080 web-site ([www.rotary1080.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.rotary1080.fsnet.co.uk))

## North Malawi Rotary Surgical Project

Cambridge Rutherford Rotary Club is despatching a 20ft Container to the North Malawi Rotary Surgical Project in November. It will be filled with items and equipment, mainly medical and educational. Many Malawian schools have few books or pencils or footballs or netballs. Some Clubs in 1080 have already contributed towards this Project and grateful thanks is given for their generous help but more funds are needed to allow some greatly needed medical items to be purchased. Other useful items required are second hand tools, blankets, knitting needles and patterns and sewing materials - wool, lengths of new cloth - educational wall posters and videos. Any donations should be sent to the Cambridge Rutherford Rotary Club Treasurer, Bob Jackson, PO Box 232, Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8FF.

## Grenada

Many Rotarians who have visited the Caribbean will wish to contribute in some way to the Disaster Funds now being organised. In Grenada, the island that suffered the brunt of Hurricane Ivan, 90% of all property is said to have been damaged and 50% destroyed. At present there is no water or electricity to much of the island and about two-thirds of the 90,000 inhabitants are homeless. The nutmeg crops have been lost (their principal export) and tourism (probably their biggest form of income) has just been wiped out. Grenada is in need of tarpaulins, pre-fabricated building materials, water purification and medical care and dried and tinned food. There is also a need for certain skills - mainly builders and nurses. For details of collection points for goods around the UK visit [www.caribjet.com/gndhurricane](http://www.caribjet.com/gndhurricane).

## RIBI Promotions Reserve

Within RIBI there is some money available to be used by Clubs or District to promote Rotary - it is currently underused. What sort of events can claim financial support? Is the event of national importance? Will the event be open to the general public? Will there be Rotarians on duty for the whole time the event is open? Will the presence ensure that Rotary publicity and stands showing the work of Rotary be a permanent

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DECEMBER 2004 (CONTINUED)

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

5.45PM. CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

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

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

12.55pm Town Hall Christmas Lunch, Speaker: Revd. Aidan Platten, Assistant Curate, St. Mary's, Woodbridge

FEBRUARY 2005

SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

Centenary Service at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

MARCH 2005

WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> TO THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

RIBI President visits District 1080

MAY 2005

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

District Assembly

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>.

Rotary Club of Hanau-Maintal Visit To Ipswich

feature during the event? These, [and others], are questions which will be asked if you wish to utilise these funds.

## 1080 Quiz

As reported in my Sep Newsletter, Norwich Blackfriars Rotary Club are organising this year's quiz. You should now have the information. The date fixed is Tue 23 Nov Ipswich (Southern Clubs). Actual venues will be arranged once responses have been received. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship on these nights and support your team(s).

## Final Thought

Paul Harris writing to the Chicago Bar Association Record in 1927 said; 'No prospect is more alluring than that held out by the exaltation of one's vocation as the most available and appropriate means of contributing to social needs.'

*John Gillespie*

1080 Centennial District Governor 2004-5