

# The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

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## From The President's Desk

'The October News Letter is due again'. Our Web Master reminded me during a break in the Tenpin Bowling extravaganza, against a cracking team from Manningtree Rotary Club.

Another trophy for the club, and a very enjoyable night for all those who attended, thanks again to Bob Fox and Richard Brown.

Peter Smith was responsible for an excellent visit to the Wattisham Air Base where we saw the hardware of the 4 Regiment Army Air Corps including the Apache attack helicopters which were truly awesome.

The other main event of the month has been the unveiling of the Rotary Centenary Sundial on the waterfront adjacent to the 'Last Anchor' restaurant. I'm sure there are a number of very relieved Rotarians now that this joint venture has finally been completed.

The next main event is the Club Charter Night, so please do whatever you can to ensure we do get over the magical 100 attendees, which will ensure the financial success of the evening. I'm sure that the combination of new venue, speaker and meal will make for an enjoyable and fun evening for all.

Yours in Rotary,

*Eddie* ❖

## Ancient Ipswich Full Of Surprises

By Malcolm Reece

Ipswich and its history is an enormous subject. Ask Ann Day from the town's Tourist Office and she will tell you that, historically, you never stop learning.

Ann, a town guide, had about 15 minutes at our lunch meeting on October 5 to enlighten us, but it was long enough for her to pass on several historical facts which surprised most of us.

Ann accepts that working as a guide in such an ancient town makes it impossible to know everything, so she tackles the job with a "Do you know". Did we know for example, she said, that Ipswich was the first English-speaking town. Colchester was the Roman town, but Ipswich saw the arrival of Anglo Saxons in 650, establishing not only a settlement but a language.

Medieval times saw the arrival of Flemish weavers, the wool trade bringing not only wealth to the town but a legacy of wonderful medieval architecture.

Ann touched briefly, of course, on the town's most famous son, Thomas Wolsey, and added that the much-neglected Wolsey Gate, was now firmly on development plans which would ensure that this part of the town's history would get the prominence it deserved. But did we know, she added, that most of the stone which Wolsey needed to build a school in Ipswich, was later taken away to build the Palace of Whitehall. And that the foundation stone of the proposed school later turned up in the Cardinal Park area of the town.

Most of us agreed that these and a few other surprising facts on the History of Ipswich were new to us. It was an absorbing few minutes and, I would suggest, food for thought for our speaker list in the future when we might give Ann a little more time to enlighten us about the historical treasures we have on our doorstep.

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# The Hanau Link

By Bob Fox

We are invited by the Rotary Club of Hanau Maintal to visit them next year from Friday June 2nd to Sunday June 4th.

Provisional arrangements suggest a weekend in the Rhine/Main valley within easy distance of Frankfurt Hahn airport, (served by Ryanair from Stansted.)

The visit will be Hotel based, and should involve little in the way of Coach travel.

More to follow as we get further info. ■

THE ROTARY CLUB OF IPSWICH ORWELL  
OFFERS A NEW 'FIFTH WEDNESDAY' EVENT  
AT FELIXSTOWE FERRY SAILING CLUB

7.00 for 7.30 pm WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2005

## THREE COURSE INDIAN MEAL (FISH ALTERNATIVE)

FOLLOWED BY AN ILLUSTRATED TALK  
FROM ROTARIAN SUE GODDARD ENTITLED



## "Jordan & India" Brief Visit – Lasting Memories

There Will Be A Raffle In Aid Of The Cooper Atkinson  
Trust

Tickets, priced at £6 for Orwell Rotarians and  
£15 for guests, are available from Rtn Sue on  
01473 381987 or Rtn Tony on 01473 420385

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

OCTOBER 2005

WEDNESDAY 12TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro On The Quay + Foundation  
speaker: John Goodship - "GSE Team Visit to Brazil"

TUESDAY 18TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 19TH

12.55 pm. Lunch, Bistro on the Quay + Business/Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 26TH

NO LUNCH MEETING

FRIDAY 28TH

Charter Night at the Galleria, Ipswich Town Football Club

NOVEMBER 2005

WEDNESDAY 2ND

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

TUESDAY 8TH

Club Service

WEDNESDAY 9TH

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

TUESDAY 15TH

Club Council

WEDNESDAY 16TH

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

WEDNESDAY 23RD

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

WEDNESDAY 30TH

No lunch. Evening Fifth Weds Event at Felixstowe Ferry  
SC, 7:00 for 7:30pm, "Jordan & India - Brief Visit,  
Lasting Memories" by Rtn Goddard.

DECEMBER 2005

FRIDAY 2ND

Arthritis Care Christmas Party

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

District Conference

FRIDAY 16TH

A celebration of Christmas, fayre at The Church of St Mary &  
St Botolph, Whitton Church Lane, Ipswich.

SATURDAY 17TH

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath.

## Inner Wheel Notes

By Pam Hill, Club Correspondent

September 21st was a business meeting and the first one with our new President Anne Smith in the chair. The meeting was very well attended and we discussed various plans for the year ahead. Anne mentioned that her charities this year will be Mind and Sightsavers.

On Thursday November 3rd, Jenny will have a pre-Christmas shopping evening starting at 6.30 with a glass of wine and a chance to browse and shop before heading off to Ask for an Italian meal. Please contact Jenny (222172) if you would like to come to either event or both! Jenny has again kindly offered to donate 10% of money spent that evening to our Inner Wheel charities.

Tickets were handed out to members and posters were also available regarding the "Christmas Creations" evening on Tuesday 22nd November. The cost is £6.00 to include tea/coffee and biscuits. All tickets will be entered into a free draw for a bottle of pink champagne. The raffle prizes will be the arrangements done by Alan Smith of Flowersmith. Please contact me (420385) or any member of Inner Wheel if you would like to come.

Our 19th October meeting will be a games evening. Please telephone Elizabeth (827607) by Sunday the 16th if you are unable to attend. Or, if you have not been in touch since the summer, give Elizabeth a ring either way. ■

### Charter Night Dinner

(Dress Code – Black Tie)

Friday Evening, 28th October 2005

The Galleria, Ipswich Town  
Football Club

Our Guest Speaker is

Professor Peter Cochrane

(Arguably the UK's best known commentator on the digital world. A man you'll want to listen to but can't afford to ignore!)

Including Silent Auction Of Promises

Tickets £23.00

Available from Rotarians Phil Morgan and Sue  
Goddard

## LIST OF PROMISES

Silent Auction – Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell's Charter Night - Friday, 28 October 2005. All Proceeds To Cooper Atkinson Trust (To Relieve Poverty In Southern India). Contact Sue Goddard if you would like to bid in advance of Charter Night.

Lot	Description
1	Steak Meal and Bowl for 4 people (value £64). Donated by Kingpin, Martlesham (Richard Brown)
2	Hairdressing voucher (value £50). Donated by Michael Richards Hairdressers (Michael Trower)
3	Four hours of work from a carpenter. Donated by John Allinson
4	Will writing to the value of £75. Donated by Nigel Steed.
5	A ride in an Aston Martin DB9 to Newmarket Racecourse for lunch and viewing the racehorses (for 2006). Donated by Simon Day (Reserve £100)
6	A summer evening cruise down the Orwell for 4 people in a Sigma 36 class Bermudan (single masted) sailing yacht. Donated by Alan Page. (Reserve £50)
7	Professional photographer family sitting + prints. Value £250. Donated by Caroline Field. (Reserve £100)
8	£50 Gift Voucher. Donated by Bob Spalding Marine and Leisure.
9	One hour Shiatsu Massage. Donated by Mr T F Allen
10	Ride in a Porsche 550 Spyder car. Donated by Nigel Steed.
11	A day of golf for one, including lunch, at a top golf course. Donated by Russell Leeburn. (Reserve £75)
12	Two mirror wills. Donated by Prettys Solicitors – Carol Lockett.
13	An all-day Sunday cruise in a 36 foot yacht on the Orwell for 2 people – including all "refreshments"! Donated by Alan Swann. (Reserve £50)
14	Sunday Lunch for 2 at the Compasses PH, Holbrook. Donated by Rick and Jane at the Compasses.
15	A bottle of vintage Bordeaux wine. Donated by Peter Smith.
16	Painting of the Town Hall, Ipswich. Painted and donated by Gordon Kember.