

# The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

September 2004

## From The President's Desk

The last month or so has seen a great deal of sadness in the Club, and we all extend our sympathies to Peter and Anne and also Gordon. It is at times such as now that the friendship of Rotarians is so important.

We have heard from three interesting speakers. Rodger Andrew from St. John an organisation which in it's belief is very similar to Rotary, also listening to Rodger describe the Heavy Lift ambulance I think we all went away feeling rather slim.

Paul Griffiths completely blinded me with science, although that's not difficult, with his presentation. Having just moved away from the pen and ink stage I know that I have a lot to learn, the same of which can be said concerning the presentation of the Stock Market.

Last but certainly not least we heard from John Gillespie, our District Governor. We are one of 74 clubs that he will be visiting before the Christmas break.

Following the visit, John has written to me, and I would like to quote the first sentence from his letter:

"This is just to say a big thank you for your lunchtime hospitality. It was great to be with you all again. The Fellowship in the Club was excellent and Paul Harris, I am sure, would have approved".

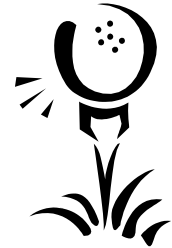
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## 100 Of The Best

Rotarian Russell Leeburn was recently featured in the Ipswich Evening Star following the completion of his adventure to have played all 100 of the best courses in the British Isles.



This adventure has taken Russell three decades to complete, travelling thousands of miles and culminated last month when he completed the Nefyn, Formby and West Lancashire courses over a weekend.

Whilst working in London 30 years ago, Russell took advantage of a British Transport offer that allowed him to play both St Andrews and Turnberry in Scotland.

Russell has been playing golf since he was 14, when he became a member of the St Mellons club in Wales. He now plays off an eight handicap and is a member of the Purdis Heaths golf club.

In November 2002, Russell had completed 92 out of the 100 courses. However, with the 100 list updated every two years, he found himself with 16 courses to play when the new list was issued. This encouraged the intrepid golfer to complete his challenge before another list was produced.

The last 16 months has seen Russell play in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Mann before finishing off in West Lancashire.

A gala dinner was held in Formby on the eve of Russell's final round, which was attended by a number of members from his golf club.

From playing around 150 courses to get his century on the current list, Russell's favourite was Carnoustie because it was the greatest golfing test, having to use every club in his bag.

Russell keeps a camera in his golf bag and has a picture of himself on every course. Even though the challenge is complete, Russell plans to play any new courses that make their way into the Golf World 100.

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Speaking to John during the lunch I got the impression that these sentiments were not directed to all the Clubs he had to date visited.

So thank you for giving him that warm welcome and feeling.

My thanks to the two committees for arranging our two social visits, one to Endeavour House and the other to Landguard Fort. It was interesting to see how modern technology is being used in Endeavour House and how the technology of the day was used at the Fort.

Our next priority is to support Malcolm and his committee to ensure that the Alton Water Challenge is a success. If possible please participate in any way that you can.

Thanks.

Yours in Rotary,

*Alan* ❖

## Landguard Fort

Guided Tour on 13 August 2004

Photos By Tony Hill



*Supper At Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club*

## Funny Footnote

Q: Why do gorillas have big nostrils?

A: Cause they have big fingers.

Q: What do they call a polar bear in the Caribbean?

A: Lost

Q: Why did the sick wasp cross the road?

A: To get to the waspital.

Q: Where do otters come from?

A: Otter Space.

Q: Why did the chicken cross the playground?

A: To get to the other slide.

Q: Where do sheep get a hair cut?

A: The baa-baa shop.

Q: Why do watch dogs run in circles?

A: To wind themselves up.

Q: What do you call two ducks in a box?

A: A box of quackers.

Q: What do you get when you cross a dinosaur and a pig?

A: Jurassic Pork.



## Centenary Catalogue Of Opportunities

A number of Rotary clubs within RIBI have commissioned various suppliers to produce a selection of merchandise to commemorate the Rotary Centenary. Some of these items are shown below. Further details can be obtained from the RIBI web site at [www.ribi.org/0\\_centenary/catalogue.htm](http://www.ribi.org/0_centenary/catalogue.htm).

### Centenary Collectible Cars

Two limited edition vehicles, Bullnose Morris and Model 'T' Ford, in the Rotary livery, (approx. size 7cm x 4cm x 3.5cm), are produced with a supporting numbered certificate of authenticity. The vehicles are priced at £8.99 (+ 60p p&p) each, with at least £2.00 being given to The Rotary Foundation for each vehicle sold.

### Centenary Diary

A quality diary with a separate outer cover is produced by Letts in blue leather; both the diary itself and the outer cover bear the Rotary logo and can be used again for subsequent years. The cost is £7.00 inclusive of postage and packing of which £1.50 is credited to your club's Foundation fund.

### Centenary Envelope

An attractive Rotary Centennial Envelope commemorating 100 years of Rotary will be posted on the 23rd February 2005 (the actual centennial day) from Chicago and will bear that postmark. The envelope contains personal messages from RI President Glenn Estess, RIBI President Gordon McNally and DG1160 Crawford Wilson. The price of the envelope is £6.00 of which £1.00 will be credited to your club's Foundation fund

### Centenary Keyring

A Rotary pound coin sized token to be used for all those times you don't have the right change for the gym locker or supermarket trolley. All the proceeds from this centennial project will be donated to Children's Happiness Involves Peoples Support (CHIPS) Charity to provide powered wheelchairs for youngsters with various disabilities. A minimum order of 50 is required and they are priced at £2.50p per keyring.

### Centenary Pin Tray

Rotary Pins - Where do you keep yours? Josiah Wedgwood have been commissioned to produce a pin tray in traditional blue jasperware to celebrate 100 years of Rotary and to benefit the Rotary Foundation. The price of the Pin Tray, which is attractively boxed, is £17.50 including delivery in the UK. Rotary Foundation will receive £3 for each pin tray and this donation will be credited to the club making the purchase.

### Centenary Rose

Priced at only £7.95 each including VAT and carriage with £1.50 from each bush sold going straight to Foundation.

### Centenary Teapot

A handmade commemorative teapot, with an unusual and eye catching design. An antique globe on a stand with an antique effect map of the world, it reflects the international nature of Rotary. 1905-2005 is identified under the spout and the Stars and Stripes highlight Chicago, the birthplace of Rotary International. Each teapot is numbered and has it's own Certificate of Authentication. The teapot costs £100, which includes a donation of £30 to Foundation.

### Centenary Tie

A special edition silk tie, celebrating 100 years of service priced at £12.50. Ladies scarves also available in the same design.

### Centennial Car Stickers

A centennial car sticker which can be ordered at £2.27 (inc VAT) each, with a minimum order of 20.

### Centennial Pens

The Parker Pen Company has been commissioned to produce pens marking the Rotary Centenary. A single rollerball is available at £4.50 whilst a fountain pen and ball point pen set is attractively priced at only £8.50, both including packaging and postage. All pens show the Rotary Centenary logo and are presented in a gift box. A contribution will be made to the Rotary Foundation dependant on sales.

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# Boscastle Area Fund Appeal

From RIBI News

As Rotarians we have all seen from TV and press coverage, the Boscastle area has suffered severe damage from flooding. says Harry Sandercock, President, Rotary Club of Camelford

Not only residents, but visitors also, will have suffered catastrophic losses. These are only now being quantified, and it is likely that the full extent may not be known for some time.

Many clubs have contacted us with offers of help and cash donations. Because of the severity of the problem, it has not been possible to date to accept offers of physical assistance.

We, after consultation with our District Governor Peter Durbin, have decided to ask RIBI to assist us with an appeal to clubs and members in Great Britain & Ireland for financial assistance. We would use this on a discretionary basis to assist need as and when necessary.

North Cornwall District Council has just launched a general fund aided initially by the Red Cross. In the fullness of time, we would not rule out making funds available to that fund, once we have seen it in operation.

We are a small club, and trust that those who make donations will understand if these are not immediately answered on an individual basis. It is our intention to post a list of donors on the RIBI website in due course.

Therefore we would be grateful if any donations could be made direct to our bank:

Natwest Camelford

Sort Code 52-10-47 Account No. 17006724

Account Name: The Rotary Club of Camelford Boscastle Area Fund

On behalf of our members and all those who have suffered in this terrible event, we thank you for your concern, ready assistance and donations. ■

## Don't Forget!

- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2004**  
**is The Alton Water Challenge**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2004**  
**is Charter Night at Ipswich Golf Club**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER 2004

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

Morning. Alton Water Challenge.

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

5.45pm. Club Council meeting at King Pin, Martlesham

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

OCTOBER 2004

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>.

District Conference at Stratford on Avon

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Evening. Charter Night Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

OCTOBER 2004 CONTINUED

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Evening. Charter Night Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker (TBA)

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 TBA

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# Extracts From 1080 DG's September Newsletter

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

As I continue travelling around the Clubs in 1080 I am amazed at all the truly wonderful projects both at home and abroad that Clubs are undertaking. The welcome I have received and your generous hospitality has been greatly appreciated. I can see why we joined Rotary for fellowship, fun and personal development as well as the opportunity to give something back to our communities and the world in which we live.

## Centennial Dinner

This, as you know, is planned for Wednesday 30 Mar 2005 in the Great Hall at King's College in Cambridge 7.15p.m. for 7.30p.m. Tickets at £50 per head, to include reception and table wines, will be ready after the District Council Meeting on Tue 21 Sept 2004. Partners are very welcome.

## Polio Update

The immunization programme in Kano, Nigeria resumed last month but sadly polio has spread to countries in the region, which had been free from polio for over 4 to 5 years. Outbreaks have occurred in Guinea, Chad and Mali as well as in the Darfur area of Sudan. All these outbreaks are closely linked genetically to the poliovirus endemic in northern Nigeria. Up to 24 Aug in the world this year there have been 602 cases of polio - 79% in northern Nigeria. 90% of the world's cases are in Africa. The spread of the disease is a set back but eradication is still the number one priority of the World Health Organisation.

## Sudan/Darfur Appeal

Rotary in these islands has again risen to the task of trying to help those unfortunate people in this area of the world. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of King's Lynn Trinity, Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth for being one of the first Clubs in RIBI to donate funds through Clive Hawkins in District 1100. Almost £1000 a day is arriving in Clive's hands.

## Bangladesh

The worst floods in years have hit this country with the result that 25,000,000 people have been affected. Two thirds of the country has been submerged in floodwater. The Rotary Club of Tower Hamlets, after consulting their District Governor, have decided to ask RIBI with an appeal for funds to help the victims of this tragedy. Funds are desperately needed to help farmers buy seed, fertilizer and cattle, help weavers buy yarn,

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NOVEMBER 2004 (CONTINUED)

TUESDAY 16TH

5.45pm. Club Council meeting

WEDNESDAY 17TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA

WEDNESDAY 24TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA

DECEMBER 2004

SATURDAY 18TH

Evening Christmas Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

WEDNESDAY 22ND

12.55pm Town Hall Christmas Lunch

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

making good the losses for educational providers, making good the losses in medical centres, repairing damaged dwellings, etc.

## 1080 QUIZ

I have asked Rtn Sue Hitchcock to organise the 1080 Quiz this year and she will be doing this in conjunction with her own Rotary Club - Norwich Blackfriars. Details of the arrangements will be circulated in mid September to all Clubs. The quiz will be run differently this year but with increased fellowship. Here is an opportunity to have great fun and fellowship and meet other Rotarians. There will be a maximum of six in each team.

## Final Thought

Paul Harris wrote in The Rotarian in 1916 'Rotary will continue to be charitable, but it can do more than that: let it remove the cause of that which makes charity necessary.'

*John Gillespie*

1080 Centennial District Governor 2004-5