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The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Coming up...

APRIL

Bob Parker
 Michelle Bevan-Margetts

Tuesday 11th April at 12.55pm
Lunchtime Speaker Meeting
Philip Ainsworth - Chief Exec, Suffolk Agricultural Assoc'n
Duty Rotarians: Lucy Trenchard & Ray Walters



Sasha Watson from Suffolk Trading Standards was our speaker last week.

Trading Standards protect consumers and traders by:

Enforcing government legislation (UK and EU)

Offering advice to consumers (via Citizens Advice Consumer Service Helpline)

Providing advice for businesses

Inspecting businesses for legal compliance

Investigating offences and prosecuting offenders

(full report pending)

If you have been scammed.....

DON'T PANIC - BREATHE

WRITE DOWN EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED

Make sure you have done the following:

- Phone the bank/ credit card company and report the fraud as soon as possible. Be aware they may need to freeze your account if its seriously compromised.
- Make a report to Action Fraud and obtain a reference number.
- Call the bank/credit card company back and give them the Action Fraud reference number.
- Call the Police and give them the details of the fraud, obtain a crime reference number.
- Call the bank/credit card company back and give them the Police crime reference number.
- Keep copies of all your contact with the fraudsters such as emails, texts, WhatsApp, Facebook messaging etc.
- Call us via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.



Ipswich East (and District 8) at the Annual Conference of Inner Wheel in Great Britain & Ireland

Inner Wheel of Ipswich East member Catherine Forsdike (and husband Alan) attended Blackpool 26th-30th March as voting delegate for her club. The first conference held in-person since the pandemic, it was well attended and held in the massive and elegant *Empress Ballroom* of the Winter Gardens. Adam Henson (of BBC 'Countryfile' fame) gave an excellent presentation on modern farming highlighting the challenges and opportunities including some examples of mind-boggling use of artificial intelligence. He was happy to pose for photographs afterwards and most charming.

The second evening's entertainment took place in the world famous *Blackpool Tower Ballroom* (BBC 'Strictly' fans will recognise it instantly).

Alan, a keen theatre organ fan, was delighted to hear the *Wurlitzer* and able to give Catherine a spin around the floor - despite her badly injured arm.

Past District Chairman Coral is pictured astride a 'bike used to transport emergency blood supplies; one of several IW charities showcased.

The familiar tower was illuminated at night in IW colours of blue and yellow! A good time was had.



All about the bells!

This is an edited quote from the newsletter of our father club, the Rotary Club of Ipswich written by Editor Ian Rossiter.

In the words of that well known Parisian campanologist, Quasimodo, it is all about "the bells, the bells", or in this case "the bell what opens and closes our meetings".

When I took our bell home recently and requested the good lady wife to scrape off the verdigris and give it a good polish, we were both intrigued by what came to light. The first bit of history noted was that the bell was presented to the club by Dr HH Brown, President 1925-26.

Then, we noted that in 1973 the bell went for a perambulation and took off across the Atlantic where it was "Presented to the Rotary Club of Ipswich, Massachusetts by the Rotary Club of Ipswich, England to commemorate their joint Golden Jubilee 1923 - 73".

After a brief sojourn in the "Land of the Free" the bell returned to this side of the Pond, when it was "Returned to the Rotary Club of Ipswich England by the Rotary Club of Ipswich Massachusetts with continuing regard. 1980".

How many of us were aware of the history of our bell, how many Presidents have given it a "ding" or a "dong" and thought of the little bit of history they were at that moment a part? Now, fifty years on after departure on its transatlantic cruise, the bell is with us as an integral part of our centenary. What changes and what events has our bell seen over its life, what contributions to the community in Ipswich has it "presided" over? To what extent is our community aware of this history and of the contribution the four Rotary clubs have made to Ipswich down the years? Maybe now is a good time to increase public awareness and in doing so encourage new Rotarians to be part of our belief in "Service Above Self".

The gavel Presidents use to strike the bell is a tad younger than its partner in procedure, being only thirty-four years old, having been presented Alan Betsford, President 1988-89. But what is age but a state of mind? As they say, "old Rotarians never die" - they just move on to join the pantheon of other Rotarians such as:

Neil Armstrong, first astronaut to walk on the moon, Rotary Club of Wapakoneta;

Clarence Birdseye II, who invented a method for fast freezing food, Rotary Club of Gloucester;

Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister England, Rotary Club of London (Duke of Edinburgh too);

John F. Kennedy, US President, Rotary Club of Hyannis;

Manny Pacquiao, world boxing champion, Rotary Club of Manila;

Franklin D. Roosevelt, US President, Rotary Club of Albany;

Harlan Sanders (aka Colonel Sanders, founder of KFC), founding member of Rotary Club of Jeffersonville;

Jean Sibelius, Composer, Rotary Club of Helsinki-Helsingfors;

Guglielmo Marconi, Inventor of the wireless radio, Rotary Club of Bologna;

Sir Harry Lauder, Vaudeville comedian, Rotary Club of Glasgow; the list goes on and on.

We should be proud of Rotary and the contribution Rotarians have made and continue to make. Let us enjoy our centenary and move on to the next hundred years.

(This is neither Ipswich RC or Ipswich East RC's bell but a photo I found on the internet for illustration. (Ed Alan)



What's On

18th April

"Top-Up Shops" in Ipswich
Rev Lawrence Carey

25th April

Business Meeting

2nd May

David Ellesmere former Leader of
Ipswich Borough Council

9th May

Fellowship Lunch

16th May

tba

Friday 19th May 7.30pm

Rotary in Ipswich Centenary Dinner

23rd May

tba

30th May (Fifth Tuesday)

A Night Out at the Fat Cat PH to
sample 'Orwell Challenge Beer'!

Felixstowe Rotary Club

96th Charter Night

Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club
Thursday 20th April 2023

Felixstowe Rotary Club extend an invitation to members of our club, to attend their 96th Charter Anniversary. Guest Speaker is Mark Chapman who will talk about Potemkin's village - an interesting take on modern Russia.

Contact our club Secretary Bill Robinson if you would like to attend.

Duty Rotarians

If you are unable to be the Duty Rotarian for the week shown, please arrange your own swaps and notify the Hon Secretary and the Newsletter Editor.

As a reminder, when you receive your 'Wild Apricot' invitation-to-attend email, the information is repeated.

18th April

Martin Westlake & Russell Wiles

25th April

George Woodward &
Juliette Adams

2nd May

David Atkins & Alison Baldry

9th May

Jo Banthorpe & John Barbour

16th May

Eric Barnett & Graham Bickers

30th May

John Button & David Chittick

Lunch Menu

11th April

Roast Turkey served with traditional accompaniments and seasonal vegetables

18th April

Salmon fillet on crushed new potatoes with fresh broccoli and white and cream sauce

25th April

Chunky beef lasagne served with garlic bread, topped with grated cheese and served with fresh salad

Alternatives are available each week but must be notified in advance unless you have a 'standing order'.

Karen is back in business...

We are excited to say that Ipswich East Rotarian and esteemed Audiologist, Karen Finch, has launched a brand-new business, All About Hearing.

She sold her previous company back in early 2020 and decided to take a step away from the profession to focus on family life and health matters.

All About Hearing is an independent hearing care company, providing patients with expertise and exceptional care for hearing assessments, hearing systems and ear wax removal. Together with her husband Melvyn Howe and old school friend Teresa Sadler both audiologists and specialist ear care practitioners, the team has over 60 years over professional experience, so patients can rest assured that they are in the very best hands.

Karen and her team run regular clinics from both Gilmour Piper on Fonnereau Road in Ipswich and the Two Rivers Medical Centre, near Ipswich Hospital.

Appointments can be booked online at www.allabouthearing.co.uk. Alternatively, you can call 01473 946444 or email Karen directly at karenfinch@allabouthearing.co.uk

Complimentary full hearing assessment for Rotarians by quoting ROTARY, saving £60. Offer expiry 30th April 2023.



 **Ipswich East Rotary Golf Day**
Purdis- Ipswich Golf Club
In aid of FIND - Families in Need

- Top 50 Course in the UK
- James Braid design
- 1895-1995 centenary

Thursday 11th May, 2023
£310 per team of 4
Bacon rolls on arrival and lunch

For further details please contact Chris Harrall
at Chrish@charrallassoc.com
Sponsorship of holes is available at £100



A Visit to RC Bröckedde to Mark the 200th Report

Bröckedde is located in the heart of Germany - where the Rhine and Danube flow into the beautiful Bröckeddeesee. This is where RC Bröckedde meets in the Bröckedder Hof - every Wednesday at 1 pm in the Salon Hindenburg.

Alexander Hoffmann
01.04.2023



“Why has everyone here got such a glint in their eyes?” asked the well known illustrator, Marcus Schäfer of his companion, Alexander Hoffmann.

“It’s because they have the privilege of living here in Bröckedde, which also hosts the most famous Rotary Club in the world”.

The two strolled on past the town hall, whose flag sported the Rotary wheel, then around the corner to the Bröckedder Hof. There, they were just in time to hear a tourist guide explaining to a large group of Japanese tourists that this was where the legendary Club met.

“Here’s where it shines the brightest” murmured Hoffmann, almost to himself.

“What shines brightest?” asked Marcus Schäfer.

“The Rotary flame” came the reverend reply.

Two elderly men greeted them at the Bröckedder Hof’s main entrance. “How nice to meet you both in person” exclaimed President Pröpke as he shook their hands. The other member of the welcoming party was Treasurer Knödler, who accompanied the guests into the Salon Hindenburg for Germany’s much celebrated afternoon tradition of Kaffee und Kuchen, coffee and cakes. Marcus Schäfer needed a bit of sustenance as he had worked through the night producing the latest artwork. As soon as he had had a cup of coffee, he pulled out his sketch book and started drawing the surroundings.

“You’ve been our RC Bröckedde correspondent since 2006” said Treasurer Knödler, “and we have read your 200 reports with interest, hence today’s invitation”.

“You have certainly upped our profile” added President Pröpke, “consult Google and there are 1.2 million entries for Bröckedde. After this year’s convention in Melbourne, we are due to take over as global patrons”.

“Well, that’s quite something” exclaimed Marcus Schäfer, “I love drawing all your members. Any chance of a beer?”

The beer was duly served by the hotel’s boss, who also asked for autographs.

“Now I would start with saying that in our opinion, you seldom report on our successes” said the President in a more business like tone. Marcus Schäfer continued his sketching and made a note that Pröpke in the flesh was rather shorter than he had thought.

“Friend Hoffmann, you’ve always got something to moan about; where’s the positive?” added Treasurer Knödler, “We also think you’ve been attending our meetings incognito. The tall blonde in the red dress and high heels two weeks ago - was that you?”

On the spot, Hoffmann claimed it was all about investitive journalism, exactly like the Watergate revelations. “But I always declare critical solidarity with RC Bröckedde” he declared, “it’s like home for me and will play a central role in my next book”.

“What’s the title?” asked Pröpke.

“Bröckedde’s Beautiful Failures”.

“Well, we’ll definitely buy it” assured President Pröpke, “but surely you must be running out of material after 200 reports?” he asked hopefully. Hoffman shook his head, “Absolutely not, RC Bröckedde is an inexhaustible source for any journalist. The blunders and mishaps are just on a completely different level; perfect Rotary”.

“One last question” growled Treasurer Knödler, “have you got something like a mission statement for your next book?”. Hoffmann nodded enthusiastically, referring to one of President Pröpke’s ground-breaking remarks on Rotary projects.

“What was that then?”

“We always do our best but it always turns out the same”.

The Charter Deed



Whilst sorting out some family papers, President Pröpke came across a letter from his father written in 1963 and referring to “an excellent Charter dinner in the Salon Hindenburg”.

Pröpke froze. He hadn't completely forgotten that RC Bröckedde had formed 60 years ago but when exactly? That wasn't mentioned in the letter. Quickly calling a crisis meeting, he asked why the Club archivist hadn't reminded them of the 60th anniversary.

“Because we haven't had an archivist for the past 10 years”, remarked the Club's intellectual, Professor Dr Krümelein, “we've lost our memory”.

Poor old Pröpke sat down again. The Professor had a good point; Friend Döderlein had been a meticulous archivist for years but none of the other members had shown much of an interest, so he left the Club feeling rather insulted.

“I'll have to go and eat humble pie” sighed the President and duly made an appointment with the long lost archivist. After much bowing and scraping, Döderlein took Pröpke into his cellar. “We can't ask the founding members anymore but we might find something here”, he said as he pulled out a dust covered box file. And suddenly, there it was, the Charter Deed of 1963 but with a large red stain over the exact date.

“It's red wine” sighed Döderlein, “they knew how to party in those days”.

Pröpke took the damaged deed home and called his fellow Rotarian, Friend Greifer, Bröckedde's Chief of Police. “No problem”, he replied, “I'll give it to our lab”.

A couple of days later he phoned Pröpke back with some good news and some bad. “We've identified the wine as Chateau Lafite Rothschild 1959, so our founding members had fine taste. However, its acidity has completely removed the date”.

Pröpke sighed rather miserably as his dream of re-establishing the Charter Dinner on the correct date receded. Yet shortly after he had a minor stroke of genius and called one of the Club's youngest members, Friend Kwujau at his successful graphics studio and who immediately suggested a creative solution.

Not long after President Pröpke was holding a flawless version of the deed, looking suitably aged but with no trace of a wine stain.

“What about the date” asked Pröpke.

“Well, there wasn't one” replied Kwujau “so I just used my birthday, 29th February”.

Invitations were duly sent out with a copy of the Charter Deed and President Pröpke set about drafting a speech that everyone would remember.

Shortly before the great event, the Professor rang saying he wasn't one to nit-pick, which of course he actually did all the time, but 1963 had not been a leap year.

For once our dear President was not to be put off, “We'll just leave it as it is” he responded, “Bröckedde has always been a bit behind the times, that's what makes us so different”.

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