

LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Ipswich East - D1080 | 2024-25, Edition 1: 1st July 2024

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday 3rd of July at 18:30pm
Club Assembly

*Menu: Two courses with coffee to follow
D.R.: Graham Bickers & John Button*

Tuesday 9th of July at 12:55pm
**Speaker meeting: Sam Phillips -
Dare to Dip**

*Menu: Best burger and chips
D.R.: Des Cunningham & Jem Doncaster*

Ipswich Bowls Club

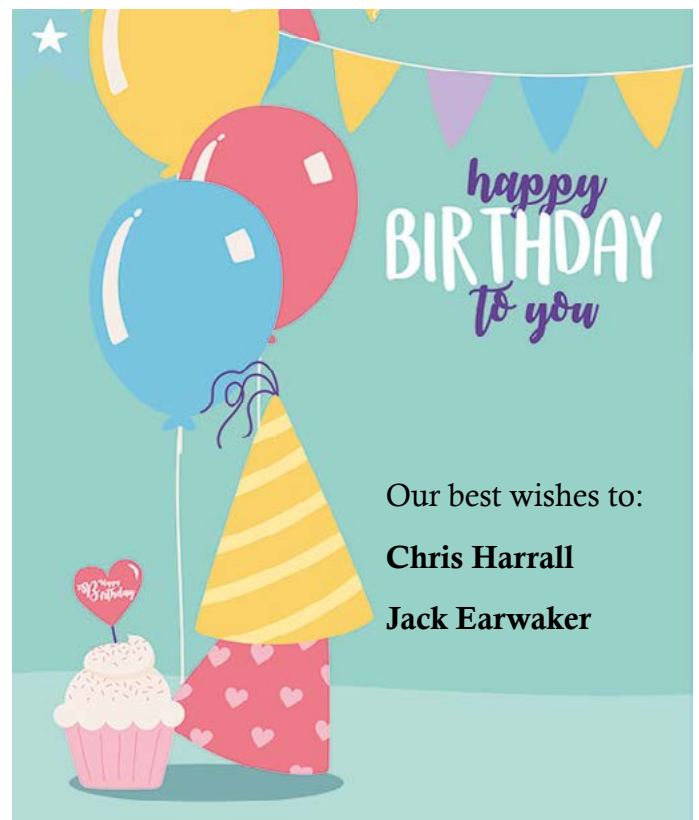
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<i>Immediate past-president</i>	George Woodward
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<i>Foundation</i>	Bob Parker
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<i>Vocational</i>	Ed Nicholls

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MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

My oh my, time really flies! I can't believe it has already been a year since I started my stint as editor of this newsletter, yet, 23 editions later, here we are.

The beginning of the new Rotary year coincides with the first issue of *Looks East* of the year and hot on the trails of our flagship event, the Orwell Challenge. I like to think that, as we look forward to the changes our new Club Council will surely bring, we can also look back at the successful projects we accomplished in the year that just ended.

For me, it has been an interesting and very busy year, taking on the newsletter as well as other things for the Club, and balancing that with my personal life and full-time work, and even trying to squeeze in some hobbies (though that bit not



as successfully managed as I would like). Thank goodness I like being busy, though I'm looking forward to a break!

I just want to take the opportunity to thank you all (or at least those of you who regularly check these newsletters) for your support and your encouragement, and to the Club for their continuing trust in me as Editor. That trust was highlighted a couple of weeks ago, when I was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, which still has me (and my parents, who were very much involved with Rotary for over 30 years) feeling both delighted and humbled.

As for what this year will bring to *Looks East*, there are a couple of things cooking which will add what I hope is a bit more interest to the newsletter, so stay tuned.

And please, remember this is YOUR newsletter, so if you have any ideas about how to improve it, what else you would like to see included, or what features you would like it to have, please do send them my way.

Once again, thank you all for your support, and here's to another great year for the Ipswich East Rotary Club!

— Editor Eva

PS - Picture of my shameless Dana Scullywag (left) for no reason other than she was looking extremely funny. You're welcome.



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT EWAN

Dear Members,

Thank you for honouring me as your 53rd President. I am really looking forward to this role, but I would remind you that as a working President (and one whose office is in Colchester, working a patch that runs further south into London), I hope you will allow me some leeway. We have very few working people in the Club now, don't we?

Rotary to me, as to you, is very important, but I need to balance my other priorities, which are family and business in that order. I hope you will all understand this.

Collaboration to me is key in what we do.

Last year, George talked about *Evolution* or *Revolution*. Where will I sit within these concepts? Potentially more the latter, as we face up to changing times, our relevance in the community and the aging nature of our Club. Challenges that we as other member organisations have, ones that have only been exacerbated since Covid and the decline in volunteering. Rotary membership has declined by 20% in the past 5 years.

The concept of change, I know, is very challenging to some, but without it, where will we be in 10 years time? As I have said before (to much dissent I recall), if we always do what we have always done, we will always get what we have always got.

For me, garnering greater connections with our community, building on the brilliant work Andy and his team do, further developing our Club Service role through Steve F's stewardship and exploring new and exciting ways of doing things, doubling down on our Vocation work with RYLA (again through greater collaboration), building on the brilliant promotion work undertaken by Eva and Steph and hopefully managing to get a really exciting and vital Foundation project off the ground (with or without the help of District) will be some of the main themes for my year.

Plus, how we should address the vexing issues of diversity and inclusion. How do we as a Club look to the outside world and, are we an attractive

proposition for would-be members. Are we representative? Surely, this matters.

I do look forward to working collaboratively with you this year and hope I can rely on your wholehearted support and active involvement in our fine Club.

Your Sincerely,

Ewan Dodds FRICS



RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Orwell Challenge 2024

By Eva Alcerreca

On Sunday 23rd June, we held our 47th edition of the Orwell Challenge, and although we still don't have the final numbers in terms of fund raising, it takes only a look at the myriad messages received from participants to realize the success of the event.

An extended issue with lots more photos and information will follow but, in the meantime (while I edit about 1200 photos received), here are a few pics of the day taken by Steve Favell.

Well done, everybody!





Inner Wheel International Convention 2024 - Manchester

By Catherine Forsdike

Just in case you've missed the point, 2024 marks the Centenary of Inner Wheel, so where better to celebrate this than where Inner Wheel was born.

Manchester is a diverse, energetic and vibrant city

bursting with character, and the Manchester Central (the former and now transformed rail terminal) was a superb location for the 17th International Convention hosted by International President and former GB&I President Trish Douglas.



Above: as many of the D8 delegates as we could muster posed outside the convention centre.



Many delegates co-ordinated their outfits to bring a riot of colour to the proceedings.



D8 Editor Catherine Forsdike with GB&I President Anthea Tilsley and International President Trish Douglas (Trish was GB&I President the same year as Catherine was D8 Chair.

Despite her busy schedule, Trish regularly gets all her 'Treasures' (the district chairs of her year) together for reunions.



Catherine's husband Alan came across a very large Manchester bee in the magnificent library just down the road from the convention centre.

PDC Hilary was on stewarding duty.

(below left:) D8 Member 7 Development Officer Lesley Frary shines her light with Ann Clark - Anne was determined to be present despite a broken foot.



(below right:) Some of the D8 delegates 'took lunch' together. The packed meals were very good.



(bottom:) everyone was issued with an electric 'tea light' to 'light' at the appropriate time to 'Shine our Lights'.





Thankfully, Manchester did not live up to its reputation for rain; the sun shone daily. It was just as well since on occasions the queues to get into 'Manchester Central filled the plaza outside.



(left) D8 Secretary Deirdre with reps from D8 clubs. Liz Thomas (Convention Treasurer) with husband Tim take a short and well-earned break and 'up-town-girl' Trish in one of her many stunning outfits.

The Fellowship Dinner was held in several venues around the city Editor Catherine was a 'clippie' (steward) on one of the buses (pictured below) - that particular one of four went to 'The Monastery' (right) a beautiful former church.



(bottom three pictures) The Gala Dinner had everyone (all 2,500) in the same space and almost everyone followed the 1920s theme.



Rotary  Ipswich Orwell



Woodbridge Art Club & Guests

Summer Exhibition

17th & 18th August 2024

at St Clements Art Centre

Fore St, Ipswich IP4 1JZ

Donations to

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Open 10am to 5pm – Free Entry

Photography course at the East Ipswich Camera Club

By Andy Mills

The **East Ipswich Camera Club** has space for a few more members.

Photography is very popular these days, especially amongst people who are retired, have time for a hobby and those who travel and wish to record their experiences. It is also an art form so very rewarding for those who enjoy art too.

The East Ipswich Camera Club's annual programme starts in early September and runs through to early July each year.

We have a full programme of events lined up for the 2024-2025 season to inspire and motivate members to explore and learn photography.

The East Ipswich Camera Club is a very friendly local club. A few members come along just for the social benefits and choose not to enter the competitions.

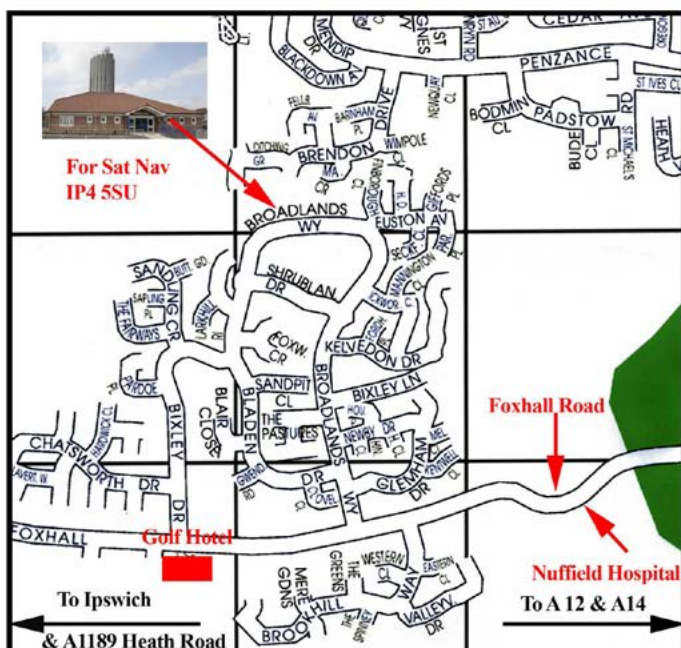
If anyone is interested in learning about digital photography and exploring this exciting and rewarding hobby, now is a good time to start and then to join the club in September.



East Ipswich Camera Club HQ

Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich IP4 5SU.

NB: The only way into Broadlands Way is via Foxhall Road or Bixley Drive.



Enrolment evening is 3rd September 2024 – 7:30pm start at Tower Hall, Rushmere St Andrew (you can view the map for further directions). We meet on the first and third Tuesday each month, September to June.

Absolute beginners are very welcome!

We are also considering running a beginner's class over the summer to help get people started with digital photography.

We need to measure the level of interest, so if any of your members are interested in learning about photography, they can contact me and we can talk further.

Best Regards

Andy Mills LRPS
EICC Committee Member
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ROLLING CALENDAR

Date	Event	Date	Event
2nd July	No meeting.	16th July	Speaker meeting: Bashor Ali - Al Tazid Foundation.
3rd July	Club Assembly - At the Ipswich and District Indoor Bowls Club, 18:30.	23rd July	Business meeting.
6th July	President's BBQ + Handover - at Bill and Monica Pipe's in Tuddenham. Details and registration via Wild Apricot. 19:30 start.	30th July	Fifth Tuesday: Picnic at the Waddling Duck (thanks to Judi and Ray Walters) - Details and registration via Wild Apricot.
9th July	Speaker meeting: Sam Phillips - Dare to Dip.	9th August	Croquet evening - contact Des Cunningham if interested.
14th July	Rotary Club of Bury Abbey's Classic Car Show - Volunteers needed. More information on page 12. Contact Robin Needham if you can help.	4-11th September	Visit from our American twinned club friends from Ipswich, MA - Several events planned, keep an eye on club's communication channels.
		29 November - 1 December	Visit to twinned Club in Bad Salzuflen - More details to follow.

DUTY ROTARIANS AND LUNCH MENU

Date	Duty Rotarians	Menu*
2nd July	No meeting	No meeting.
3rd July (Club Assembly)	Graham Bickers John Button	Two course dinner, with coffee to follow.
9th July	Des Cunningham Jem Doncaster	Best burger and chips.
16th July	Jack Earwaker Nigel Farthing	Bangers and mash.
23rd July	Karen Finch Steve Flory	Lasagne, chips and salad.

If you're unable to be a duty Rotarian, remember it is your responsibility to look for a replacement, and please notify our Secretary Robin as well as Steve Flory of any changes.

*Dietary requirements/Vegetarian option available upon request, please contact Steve Flory at steve.flory@hotmail.co.uk

UPCOMING PROJECTS UPDATES

We have a few projects and activities coming up, and volunteers are welcome. Please contact the relevant club member and join in!

- **Top-up shops** - this is an ongoing activity and people involved should already be in the loop of what's happening. If you want to take part, contact Andy Lewis.

- **Rotary literacy project at Stoke High School** - contact Toby Pound for more information.

- **Rotary Club of Bury Abbey's Classic Car Show** - Sunday 14th July. Volunteers wanted to assist with the running of the show. Please contact Bill Robinson by mid March if you can help. Bury Abbey RC offer £50 towards our Benevolent Fund for every half day that a member spends at the event.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Remember we have an ongoing collection of ring pulls, as well as ink cartridges, which you can give to **Andy Lewis**.

The ring pulls are sent to the Philippines so that people there can make crafts to be sold, which helps them support their families.



John Button is still collecting postage stamps (they can be used ones), so if you're lucky enough to still receive any post with those, keep them and make sure to give them to him.

The Ipswich Rotary Club is collecting spectacles, which get forwarded to SpecSort York. After sorting and grading them, they're taken to Africa. Please contact the Club's secretary Ian if you can help: rossiter718@btinternet.com.



The Bröckedde Stories

By Alexander Hoffmann

Bröckedde is located in the heart of Germany - where the Rhine and Danube flow into the beautiful Bröckeddesee. This is where RC Bröckedde meets in the Bröckedder Hof every Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Salon Hindenburg.

The Fossil Negotiations

Rotary activity in Bröckedde had always been defined exclusively under the banner of RC Bröckedde. However, now the RC Bröckedde Digital Natives had come up with some other ideas and this was not merely an amicable start-up, it was hostile secession!

The founders were a group of disgruntled young members, fed up with the “Old Club”. These newer members had grown up in the digital age and were of course, thoroughly on-message and cool. To them the “Old Club” was completely outdated and up itself. Amongst themselves, they referred to the Oldies as the RC Bröckedde Fossils.

Now that was simply too much for some of the Oldies’ leading figures. Dr. Krümelein, the Club’s well-respected intellectual, compared the move to the Confederate’s breaking away and the disaster of the American Civil War (1861-65). The Digital Natives responded with a

presentation on “Why the dinosaurs were wiped out”.

President Pröpke followed the to-ing and fro-ing with mounting concern, remarking to Treasurer Knödler, “Well, they may have a point and we have to move with the times so what about refreshing the Club’s title?” An opinion poll was duly launched and returned some interesting suggestions:

- RC Bröckedde Classic
- RC Bröckedde Originals
- RC Bröckedde No. 1
- RC Bröckedde The Real McCoy

President Pröpke and his committee considered all the proposals carefully and discussed them at great length, but eventually concluded that no name change was necessary. That decision was announced at the next meeting, with dear old Pröpke confirming that RC Bröckedde would not become some nouveau-riche, hyphenated institution with no historical roots. However amongst some, the term “Bröckedde Fossils” had already taken root.

In order to shift up a gear and get back to normal business, the President took on the task of engaging a really prominent speaker, no less than a Federal Minister of State and a date was eventually agreed.



On the big day, the Salon Hindenburg was crammed with every Club member. The Minister had travelled all the way from Berlin especially for the visit and, after an excellent lunch, he took his place at the lectern. Surveying the array of expectant faces, he adopted his well-practiced and most winning tone: “Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow Rotarians, it’s a pleasure and great honour for me to have this

opportunity of addressing the Bröckedde Fossils.”

It was hard to judge which had the majority, the gasps or the laughs.

Illustrated by Marcus Schäfer.

Translated by Colin Gordon, RC Uppingham

Paul Harris Fellowship for Eva Alcerreca

By Bill Robinson

At our lunch on Tuesday 18 June, President George Woodward had the pleasure of awarding a third Paul Harris Fellowship during his year of office to another of our members.

George informed the members present that he was especially pleased to offer the award to our youngest member who had been a willing contributor to many Community Activities within the Club, had made an enormous contribution to the organisation and management of the Orwell Challenge and was a regular attender at our social events.

The member had also made an invaluable contribution to the way the Club uses new technology and how it was used to publicise our activities both internally and externally.

George therefore announced that he was delighted to award our newsletter editor, Eva Alcerreca, a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Eva was warmly congratulated by the members present and thanked George and the Club for the honour they had bestowed on her.



An ear-to-ear smiling Eva and President George

[And on that note, it’s a good thing I made it to the meeting on time, considering I went to the wrong venue first, despite my constant reminders to everyone else! —Eva]

And that’s it for today!

Just the usual reminder: to send photos, news, articles, stories, announcements, or any material (yes, even jokes) for publication in the newsletter, please address them to:

iercnewsletter@gmail.com

The deadline to receive items for publication will be the Friday prior to the next issue (so for the next issue, that will be 12th of July. Needless to say, I would be very grateful if members kept the deadline in mind for a timely publication of materials. — Editor

STAY PAWsiTIVE!



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