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The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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CLUB OFFICERS—2019/20

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Secretary: Tony Baker

Asst Secretary: Martin Westlake

Treasurer: Neil Hewitt



November

Geoff Ramsdale

Steve Flory ...

Bill Robinson

Liz Harsant

Sarah Waterson

Alison Baldry

George McLellan...

Lunchtime Meeting at Greshams bell rings at 12.55pm
Tuesday 5th November
Steve Gallant—leader, East Suffolk District Council
Duty Rotarians: Ray Walters & Stuart Cooper

My Job—Bill Izzard

One of our newest members Bill Izzard gave us an illuminating commentary on his career working on newspapers which started locally at *The East Anglian Daily Times*.

Bill was appointed as a junior reporter by Donald Simpson (a former President of this Club) largely as Bill hinted because he had been educated at Ipswich School. After 6 years – 5 as a reporter and a final year as a sub-editor – Bill moved on helping to launch *Sports Magazine* and *Citizens Newspaper*. He was also involved with launching the *Angle* and then moved to “Fleet Street” with *Sunday Sport* followed by a spell with *The European* newspaper which was part of the Robert Maxwell empire.

Bill gave an interesting insight into Maxwell’s *modus operandi* in that sales of that paper were being presented at a level of 1.3million per week whereas in reality 1.0 million of those were never read but were being bought up by a Maxwell subsidiary company for pulping.

Bill moved to *The Sun* and before going back to *The European* which by then was in the ownership of the Barclay brothers.

In 1997 he was made redundant but while at a wedding reception he was offered a job with *The Daily Star* where he spent the next 20 years. There he met Piers Morgan who passed on to Bill the pearl of wisdom that if news was sparse he should resort to some front page epic that was weather-related because of our obsession with the weather. However Bill’s proudest journalistic moment was to produce the banner headline proclaiming “Psycho Seagull Stole my Dog” – a story, which had previously made it to p.17, about the loss of a chihuahua in Devon to a marauding gull. This story had more credibility than the one about Freddie Starr (allegedly) eating a hamster.

Since retirement Bill has become a keen gardener thus moving on from “dishing the dirt” to “digging it!”.

Eric Barnett

We also welcomed new member Paul Reynolds who was inducted into Ipswich East transferring from the Rotary Club of Chingford.



Ipswich East Tuesday Rotary Meeting Programme ***(lunchtime meetings start 12.55pm)***

(Duty Rotarians are requested to make their own swaps and inform the Secretary and Newsletter Editor)

*Widows of former members are welcome to all evening and additional events
please book through the Hon Secretary Tony Baker*

NEXT WEEK 12th November	Business Meeting—no guest speaker <i>(Des Cunningham & Colin Davies)</i>
19th November	Launch of 2020 Orwell Challenge—<u>12.15</u> for <u>12.30pm</u> start!! <i>(Janet Dillaway & Robin Dillaway)</i>
26th November EVENING MEETING	tba <i>(Nigel Farthing & Steve Flory)</i>
3rd December	tba <i>(Francis Fobbie & Roger Gilles)</i>
10th December	Business Meeting—no guest speaker <i>(Alan Forsdike & Catherine Forsdike)</i>
17th December	tba <i>(John Goodship & Allan Gosling)</i>
24th December	NO MEETING
31st December	NO MEETING
7th January	tba <i>(Norman Haines & Mark Harrison)</i>
14th January	Business Meeting—no guest speaker
21st January	tba <i>(John Hutton & Bill Izzard)</i>
28th January	tba <i>(Steve Jones & Satish Khanna)</i>

Ipswich East Inner Wheel at District Rally

Several members of Ipswich East Inner Wheel, accompanied by their President Judy Walters, attended a splendid District 8 Rally at Fynn Valley Golf Club last Thursday. The event was hosted by the IW Club of Woodbridge, President Deirdre Griffin. Also present was her husband Tom (well-known to IE Rotary members) is RIBI President Elect, and Rotary D1018 District Governor Jonathan King. Five IE Rotary Club members also attended.



Ipswich East Rotary Club Rolling Diary

This table shows events other than regular weekly meetings.
The name of the lead Rotarian for each event is shown in brackets.

(Inner Wheel Events are shown in black italic type on a pale blue background)

Tuesday 5th November	Katie Manning : Multiple Sclerosis (I&S Club)
Thursday 7th November	"Pub Night" - see advert at foot of this page
Wednesday 11th December	Pantomime at New Wolsey Theatre (organiser: David Atkins)
Tuesday 3rd December	Alan Forsdike : Calligraphy and Illumination (I&S Club)
Sunday 8th December	Christmas Supper (hosted by Karen Finch)
Tuesday 7th January	Social Evening (I&S Club)
Sunday 12th January	Annual New Year Walk and Tea (Hill Farm Tuddenham)
Friday 31st January	Annual Trivia Quiz (Tuddenham Village Hall)
Tuesday 4th February	Louise Biddlecombe—Suffolk One Life (I&S Club)
Tuesday 3rd March	Visit of District Chairman, Deirdre Griffin (I&S Club)
Friday 6th March	Inaugural Dinner (Hintlesham Hall Golf Club)
Sunday 29th March	International Lunch (venue tba)



Invitation to all Ipswich East Rotarians, partners and friends for informal early evening/ after work drinks.

Thursday 7th November, 7.00 pm onwards, at
Isaac's (on the Waterfront)
7 Wherry Quay, Ipswich

No agenda, no food, no sign up - just chat
and chill!
Stay as long as you like.

See you there!

New Event Board Methodology

Event Boards will be generated by the Event Organiser (EO) and passed to the club secretary for info containing the following proposed event details:

Event name/description/venue/start date/time
The closing date of board for event
The estimated cost per person of event
Any event constraints (e.g. restricted access)
Any limited number advice (some events, by their nature, have a cap on numbers)

A physical board will still be circulated at meetings; however the EO now takes responsibility for that circulation and the recovery of physical board each week. Simultaneously the EO will supply the event detail to the newsletter for publication.

Members attending meetings will indicate whether they will participate or be absent as normal.

Members wishing to participate who are not at meetings will (prompted by the newsletter advice) contact the EO directly, preferably by email, to indicate interest.

Members wishing to subsequently add / revise / cancel existing numbers will either alter the physical board if pre close date, or contact the EO (preferably by email) if unable to revise the physical board at a meeting.

If cancellation is requested after board close date (and the club has made irrevocable financial commitment) the member will always be held accountable for cost unless the EO is able to replace with another member. Mitigation of this position in special circumstances will only be by agreement of Club President / Club Secretary.

Where events are limited numbers and are oversubscribed, the EO will randomly select members to participate (other than themselves, president, VP, JVP, Secretary and partners). The event manager will advise successful participants and then manage a short list if required.

The event organiser will in all cases generate a list of participants and circulate (via the club secretary) after the closure date. Where other info e.g. menu choices are required those details will be circulated directly by the EO at a later date.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact David Atkins



Rtn John Button is collecting used postage stamps for the RNIB.

Please sort them into UK and "foreign" and pop them in an envelope to give to John at Rotary Lunches.



Ipswich East RC wants your money!

No change there I hear you say (and apologies for the pun).

However, this time it will not cost you a penny - maybe a Euro or Dollar, or even an old Peseta - but not a penny (although see below regarding pre-decimal coins).



Like me I am sure that many of you have a quantity of foreign currency at home that you have brought back from holidays and do not know what to do with it. Some of it will still be legal tender, some will not. Either way it has a value, and if you would like to donate it to the Club it could help one of our deserving local charities, rather than it festering in a cupboard or drawer at home.

Over the next few months I am asking you to let me have any coins or notes that you no longer have a use for.

You don't have to sort them, just bring them along to any Tuesday lunch meeting and I will start filling a bucket!

I mentioned pre-decimal British coins. Did you know we can still get 75% of their original value? If like me you still have any old £1 notes, we can get 75p for them and it will not take too many of those to build a reasonable sum of money.

Old shillings, sixpences, thrupenny bits - if you don't want them, bring them in.

This is not going to raise a vast amount of money, and we probably won't be able to repeat the exercise every year, but if you are going abroad in the near future don't just surrender your spare currency to the airline cabin crew, donate it to Ipswich East. If we only hand over one cheque to a deserving local cause it will have been worthwhile.

Many thanks, *Martin Westlake*

MENU (verified by Greshams)

5th November	Roulade of Chicken and vegetables
12th November	Beef and Apple pie and vegetables
19th November	Orwell Challenge – Buffet (please note 12.15 for 12.30pm start)
16th November	Shepherds Pie and vegetables
3rd December	Trio of Suffolk Sausages and vegetables
10th December	Fresh Salmon Fillet and vegetables
17th December	Christmas Lunch – full details TBA



ROTARY APOLOGIES

Send apologies by **10am Monday** by email, to Tracy Clay by [clicking here](#)

Alternatively, text 07990 573258—as a last resort, telephone 07990573258.

Tracey should also be contacted directly if members, speakers or guests have dietary requirements and/or would prefer the vegetarian option/salad routinely, or as a one off.

You can always notify George of future absences by talking to him at club meetings.

Were you on welcome duty when we had a guest speaker?

If you didn't give the vote of thanks, it's your privilege to provide a short write-up of the speaker for this newsletter.

Copy for write-ups and anything else needs to be sent to Editor by the Saturday night preceding publication day (Monday).

Email preferred please, to alan.forsdike@gmail.com

Polio Plus Final figures:

Street collection - £116.68

2 x lunch collections (cash) - £86.50

2 x lunch collections (card) - £44

(Total Club donation - £130.50)

Grand Total - £247.18 rounded to £250 by Jo Banthorpe

Thank you everyone who helped and contributed.



CLUB EVENT PHOTOGRAPHS

You can view club photographs on-line by [clicking this link](#)

