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The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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November

Sarah Waterson
Alison Baldry
George McLellan
Eric Barnett

Lunchtime Meeting at Greshams bell rings at 12.55pm

Tuesday 12th November
Business Meeting—No Guest Speaker
Duty Rotarians: Des Cunningham & Colin Davies

Steve Gallant—East Suffolk District Council

Our speaker week was Steve Gallant, who originally hails from Hackney and now lives in Felixstowe. He says he is enjoying his new role as leader of East Suffolk Council although he's still a little surprised!

As a young man, Steve joined the RAF and following his initial training, became an aircraft engineer working on various aircraft including the Vulcan bomber, Jaguar and, ultimately, the Tornado fighter bomber in Gibraltar.

Steve left the RAF for the sake of his family who were growing up and needed a stable base to work from and after moving he went straight to prison (as an officer, not as an inmate he hastened to add) in Lincolnshire and Leicestershire.

He left the prison service after a few years and joined the police force as an inspector in Felixstowe where he worked until this retirement in 2013.

After retirement he joined the local town council in Felixstowe, progressing to becoming a Suffolk Coastal District councillor and then on to becoming a member of the cabinet.

Whilst working at Suffolk Coastal District Council he suggested merging with Waveney District Council to become East Suffolk Council. To his surprise, as it was his suggestion, he was duly elected to be the first leader of the new council which was formed in April this year.

The newly formed East Suffolk Council has reduced the costs from £90 million down to £55 million and is now the biggest district council in the country covering an area of 487 sq miles:29 wards and 177 parishes. The area includes prominent towns such as Felixstowe with the biggest container port in the UK, Lowestoft the leading renewable energy capital of the UK and of course the British Telecom UK Headquarters at Adastral Park.

Steve has had a very distinguished career in his role at East Suffolk Council including the downturn in crime and antisocial behaviour, such as the county gang lines along with a variety of equally important achievements.

Due to time restraints he concluded his talk but I am sure he has more notable achievements and goals for the future good of our county.



The Big Move

A team from Ipswich East Rotary Club joined forces with regular FIND volunteers on Saturday last to shift tonnes of food and equipment from Hines Road to their new home alongside Gainsborough Sports Centre in Braziers Wood Road.



A convoy of cars, trailers and vans beetled back and forth transferring everything from tins and packets to furniture and display materials. The whole operation was conducted with good humour and laughter despite the traffic problems. Once the first transporters had worked out a good route, the message was soon passed around and a journey which, earlier in the day had taken 25 minutes, was soon reduced to 5 minutes.



The new premises are much larger and better suited to the purpose—they are designed for the job and will enable greater efficiencies: they might even be warmer.

It's a sad fact of life that the whole enterprise is even needed but it is and Maureen with her band of volunteers do a splendid job helping people who can't help themselves or who have been let down by 'the system' or can't get onto it.



A big thank to everyone involved—it was great so see so many people getting stuck in: those crates of tins are darned heavy.

As you can see in this picture, it was very hard work carrying the plug and lead to this freezer!



Inner Wheel Club of Ipswich East researches chocolate:

[It's a tough job but someone has to do it!]

Our hosts at *Hotel Chocolat* gave a history of the company, explained how the chocolate is sourced and made. They also outlined the ethical working ethos behind the scenes and described the unprecedented growth of outlets and shops across the UK.

The theme of the evening was Christmas and we tasted no less than seven chocolates washed down with plenty of prosecco. We were then treated with a spending voucher and discounts, helping us all gather some Christmas pressies. Not sure though if all those chocolates destined for Christmas presents will actually make it to the 25th December!

This is the second *Hotel Chocolat* evening arranged by Karen Finch for Inner Wheel members, the former having taken place earlier in the summer.

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*

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| NEXT WEEK 19th November | Launch of 2020 Orwell Challenge—<u>12.15 for 12.30pm start!!</u> <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 welcomes four new members

Two more new members were inducted last week: Heather Hearne and Peter Shepherd.

Here they are with Bill Izzard and Paul Reynolds who were also recently inducted.

Please do your best to make them feel welcome.



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)

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| Wednesday 11th December | Pantomime at New Wolsey Theatre <i>(organiser: David Atkins)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 3rd December</i> | <i>Alan Forsdike : Calligraphy and Illumination (I&S Club)</i> |
| <i>Sunday 8th December</i> | <i>Christmas Supper (hosted by Karen Finch)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 7th January</i> | <i>Social Evening (I&S Club)</i> |
| <i>Sunday 12th January</i> | <i>Annual New Year Walk and Tea (Hill Farm Tuddenham)</i> |
| <i>Friday 31st January</i> | <i>Annual Trivia Quiz (Tuddenham Village Hall)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 4th February</i> | <i>Louise Biddlecombe—Suffolk One Life (I&S Club)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 3rd March</i> | <i>Visit of District Chairman, Deirdre Griffin (I&S Club)</i> |
| <i>Friday 6th March</i> | <i>Inaugural Dinner (Hintlesham Hall Golf Club)</i> |
| <i>Sunday 29th March</i> | <i>International Lunch (venue tba)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 7th April</i> | <i>Event to be announced (I&S Club)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 5th May</i> | <i>Stephanie Mackentyre—A Gift to My Sister (I&S Club)</i> |
| <i>Sunday 31st May</i> | <i>Walking Treasure Hunt and President's Lunch (Waddling Duck)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 2nd June</i> | <i>Business Meeting and AGM (I&S Club)</i> |
| <i>Sunday 14th June</i> | <i>International Tea Party (hosted by Theresa McLellan)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 7th July</i> | <i>Presidential Handover (I&S Club)</i> |

Ipswich East proposed trip to Amsterdam—Thursday 23rd—Monday 27th April 2020

George McLellan is organising a possible short break to Amsterdam. The minimum number required to be able to book the trip is 22. George needs to make a decision in the next few weeks. Please respond to him with the number of places you'd like.

Cost is likely to be about £400 per person on a room-sharing basis and includes coach and ferry transport to Amsterdam, a coach trip to the bulb fields and B&B hotel accommodation.



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)

- 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

Jamie says salads will be available for vegetarians
and anyone who doesn't like the above.



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

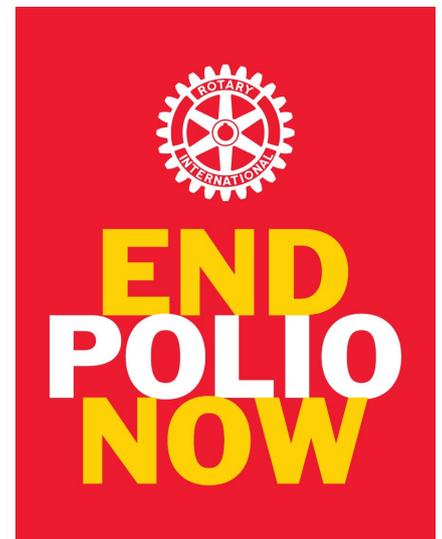
2 x lunch collections (cash) - £86.50

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

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