

LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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Club Zoom Meeting
Guest Speakers from Suffolk Family Carers
Supporting Young Carers during the Pandemic
Tuesday 11th May starting at 7.30pm
Duties: Richard Porter (VofT) and Toby Pound (Notes for magazine)


May
Bill Izzard
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Keep Smiling!

The talk and presentation by Lewis Tyler at our last Tuesday meeting was a real nostalgic trip back to the past; well, for us older members anyway.

In his introduction, Lewis explained that he was going to cover what he considered to be the golden age of BBC comedy, and added that today's shows, in his submission, with the possible exception of *Just a Minute* and *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*, are appalling - coarse, lacking in humour and generally rather objectionable.

The era he proposed to cover was from the late 1930s to the early 1960s, and with the help of graphics, and his friend Spencer Greystrom introducing snippets from the programmes of the past as appropriate. We were treated to a feast of comedy and entertainment covering this period.

Humour on the BBC in the 1930s was very sparse - Sir John Reith was still in charge and he was a dour Scot - say no more! However music hall entertainment was popular, with Henry Hall the band leader and others who would comper the shows. The shows would usually be split into three sections with musical interludes between them: opening and closing signature tunes with an orchestra, and generally a close-harmony singing group performing the signature tune.



The Golden Days of BBC Wireless Humour
By Lewis Tyler
With thanks to Spencer Greystrom for research & presentation

Normally the orchestra was one of the many within the BBC framework at the time. A continuity staff announcer and that essential of all shows - the sound-effects man - would provide anything from a door opening and shutting, a car back-firing, or any noise the script required.

With the arrival on the scene of Liverpudlian big-hearted Arthur Askey and Richard (Stinker) Murdoch, these two were the stars that set the framework for the majority of shows during the next 20/30 years.

Their main theme was that they lived in a flat at the top of Broadcasting House, with Lewis the goat together with a handful of pigeons. Additional characters included charlady Mrs Bagwash and her daughter, Nausea.



In to the 1940s and ITMA (*It's That Man Again*) - with Tommy Handley helped to keep the nation's spirits up during the war, and this was followed by *Take it From Here* starring Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and Joy Nichols. The scriptwriters, Frank Muir and Dennis Norden, continued to produce popular programmes for many years.

The armed forces were not forgotten during the war, with the formation of Entertainment National Service Association (ENSA for short), soon to be known as Every Night Something Awful. We older members well remember *Much Binding in The Marsh*, *Waterlogged Spa* and *Stand Easy*.

In to the 1950s and *Educating Archie*, created by Peter Brough, entertained listeners for the next ten years, with many now well-known entertainers participating, including Dick Emery, Benny Hill, Tony Hancock, Bruce Forsyth and Harry Secombe to name but a few.

The fact that a ventriloquist on the radio was so successful is quite remarkable.

ITMA

The complete cast list

- Tommy Handley
- Clarence Wright
- Fred Yule
- Molly Weir
- Deryck Guyler
- Hattie Jacques
- Maurice Denham
- Vera Lennox
- Jack Train
- Dino Galvani
- Dorothy Summers
- Horace Percival
- Sydney Keith
- Diana Morrison
- Jean Capra
- Hugh Morton
- Lind Joyce
- Carleton Hobbs
- Jean Harben
- Bill Stephens
- Mary O'Farrell



Around this time we had the *Goon Show*, *Ray's a Laugh*, *Hancock's Half Hour* and many others.

Many of these shows are aired from time to time on Radio 4 Extra, or alternatively excerpts can be found on line.

In the course of his talk Lewis included details of many more popular programmes such as *Does The Team Think*, *The Navy Lark* and various variety shows. I could go on..... A delightful trip down memory lane.



David Chittick gave the vote of thanks after many appreciative comments were heard from Lewis' audience.

Bill Pipe



GOOD NEWS

Happy 90th Birthday Tony Dodds

Tony sends his thanks to all those people who sent messages for his special birthday.

We hope there were people around to share that scrummy-looking cake!



SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness we report that Rotarian Peter Leveridge passed away on 6th May in Westerfield House Care Home.

Peter was a long-standing Rotarian and transferred into our club when he moved to Ipswich. He was President in 2001/02 and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Ann and all their family.

[At the time of going to press, details of his funeral and thanksgiving for his life were not available.]



If you would like to help support Albatros (from whom we had a splendid presentation recently) use this QR code.



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Exciting Up-date from John Button

Arrangements for this year's Orwell Challenge are progressing well. I can advise that we have appointed EDMS Medical to provide First Aid cover.

They will mainly be based at HQ but will have a cyclist based at Levington to give a rapid response if needed. Registration is increasing and we now have 65 half marathon and 72 marathon runners entered together with 296 walkers. This is quite an increase of figures even a week ago!

We have this week received some really exciting news from David Bartholomew who, as many will know, has been instrumental in helping us achieve the success of the marathon and half-marathon runs.

David is Director of Policies & Procedures at Willis Towers Watson (WTW) (*Willis Faber as was*).

He persuaded WTW to use the Orwell Challenge as a means of encouraging its staff as we gradually emerge from lockdown to come together in a safe and relaxed outdoor environment, mindful that they have largely all been working from home for over a year now.

They are commencing a communication programme through their Ipswich office next week and are confident of getting several teams together to take part in the Orwell Challenge. They will be encouraging their staff to raise sponsorship with particular focus on generating funds for their 2021 charity partner, Suffolk MIND.

Clearly this is great new initiative for us and our Orwell Challenge, and we will be publicising this to further promote the event. David feels that when other major local firms see WTW doing this they may well want to do something similar as they too emerge from a year of little, personal contact within their organisations.



The Orwell Challenge

27th June 2021
44th year

Register online at:
www.orwellchallenge.co.uk

- Walk or run along the beautiful Orwell estuary
- Raise funds for your chosen charity or good cause
- Walk between 3 and 25 miles
- Validated trail marathon and half marathon

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HOLD THE DATE!

Put this date in your diary/calendar now please...

**Sunday 19th June 2022
for next year's Orwell Challenge.**

How Do I Fix the Planet?

At last week's District Assembly, it was announced that, on 1st July 2021, 'Supporting the Environment' will become the Seventh Area of focus for Rotary.

There is a great deal of excitement that we will be tapping into a groundswell of people wanting to help our environment while also promoting our other humanitarian goals.

The Environmental Sustainability Action Group (ESRAG) is a key driver in getting Rotarians and the public involved.

Swedish Rotarian Ingrid Hesser perfectly captures the opportunity we now have.

She states "Adding this seventh focus strengthens all the others. It gives Rotarians across the world tools to mitigate and prevent disasters, and to escalate the impact of work being achieved in peace-building, reducing conflict, preventing and treating disease, providing safe water, improving maternal and child health, enhancing education, and promoting community economic development."

ESRAG wants to learn about projects Rotarians are already involved in or what plans and ideas they may have for the environment. If you are someone who enjoys making videos and wants to contribute to the brainstorming that is currently going on, please pick up your smart phone and create a 70 second video clip to enter into the competition 'How do I fix the Planet'. Closing date is 31st May. For details of the rules and how to send your video in, please click on 'News' on the ESRAG website. Alternatively take the opportunity to look at videos that have been already uploaded and vote on what particularly catches your eye.

If you want to ask me more about the competition, please e-mail me or ring my mobile.

I would love to hear from club members as to what we might do for the environment as a club.

David Chittick

See more at www.ifixtheplanet.org where there is a video presented by Holger Knaack, Rotary International President (pictured here)

Nobody can do everything.

But everyone can do something.

Show us what you are doing and help fix the planet.





Ipswich East Inner Wheel Club News

Our latest zoom meeting was attended by a very interesting local couple, Chris and Anji Dawkins.



They are members of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese. Jenny Clements knew this couple and invited them along to be our speakers.

Unable to organise a function for International, it was decided to do a Challenge for Lent and collect monies for The Kagera Appeal, to help with “supporting key workers “ such as farmers, doctors and priests, who provide vital services for their communities. The Kagera Diocese is linked with our Diocese.

They talked and we were shown a video about a small African village called Kagera. This is a remote village which sits between Uganda and Rwanda, and is reached along a dry dusty dirt track of a road. They have visited 6 times, the last one being in 2019, teaching at the Bible College.

This area is very poor, mainly hilly grassland and they suffer crop failures, drought and famine. When they do get rain it's usually torrential and wash most of the crops away. Most are subsistence farmers with 1 acre of land and they grow bananas, maize and beans, some have grown avocados. There is no help from the government.

With no running water, electricity or transport, it is usually the children who collect the water from the nearest source, whilst tending the goats.

There are 2 medical centres which are poorly equipped where HIV, malaria and TB are rife. The nearest main hospital is 5 miles away and they have to pay 3 days income to see a doctor. The cleaners and helpers at the hospital have to take the sheets to be washed in their own homes.

During the Rwanda Genocide in 1994, over one million refugees fled over the border to Kagera. The countryside was devastated and much of the wildlife disappeared. Native species are now being introduced.



The link is not just about money but a learning experience. To change people's mind sets, to focus on what they have and how they can work with this. Ideas must come from the community before they receive help.

Tree planting has been one big project to combat deforestation and to be able to use the wood for making furniture. 350,000 trees were planted in one year. They have also been given seedlings to care for but only if they can prove that they have looked after the land where these will be grown.

The Lent Challenge was adapted to use in our everyday lifestyle. Each week for 6 days, every member of Innerwheel was sent a challenge, for example; in week one “people in Kagera love to sing and dance to welcome visitors and for special events, traditionally using drums and

whistles. Give 10p for each musical instrument in your house.

On one of the days in week 2 a challenge was set and it said that staple foods in Kagera are bananas, maize, cassava and beans. Tomatoes, carrots and cabbage are also grown. How many different vegetables have you eaten in the last week? Give 10p for each variety. This continued for 7 weeks with a different challenge every day.

The total raised so far is just under £300 with more trickling in. This money will go directly to the community of Kagera and they will choose where the money will be spent depending on what is needed most at that time. There is no middle man so the full amount will be donated. The main things that are needed at the moment are, motorcycles for pastors to reach their parishioners with many miles to cover between each village. Water pumps that are operated by foot to irrigate the crops and educational fees to train doctors who will work within their own communities.

It was a pleasant, and informative zoom meeting. Chris and Anji are a committed couple who love their time spent in Kagera with the many villagers whom they have grown fond of and are only too pleased to help. They are looking forward to travelling there again as soon as they can and will be able to inform us where the money was spent.



Like Angels

In Chicago on the 23rd February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram E. Shorey met in Loehr's office. This later became famous as the first Rotary meeting. Far less well known is that minutes of the meeting were taken and were recently found in the backroom of a Chicago pawnshop.



“An absolute sensation”, declared President Pröpke at RC Bröckedde's next meeting, “Rotary's history will have to be rewritten” and he began reading extracts from the minutes to a stunned and breathless audience.

“We will grow and have representation all over the world” announced Paul P. Harris. “Particularly in Germany”, added Gustavus Loehr.

“Therefore, start in Bröckedde”, suggested Silvester Schiel.

“Every Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Bröckedder Hof hotel”, said Hiram E. Shorey decisively.

Paul P. Harris then summarised; “RC Bröckedde will pick up the torch and make reality of our Rotary values, amongst friends united in selfless commitment, angelically harmonious and a gift to humanity”.

Pröpke ended his reading feeling quite some emotion, “So ends that truly memorable meeting of 23rd February 1905”. There was astonished silence in the Salon Hindenburg until the oldest member, Honorary President Papke, quoted “There are more things in heaven and earth Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.”

Then Pröpke felt a shake on his shoulder and his PA was beside his office chair with papers to sign as he woke with a start from a lunchtime power nap. She also told him that Treasurer Knödler was on the phone. Pröpke would take calls day or night from Knödler, who always knew exactly what was going on in the club, as was now the case,

“Our old Friend Pütterich wants to leave the Club due to something of a putsch for his position as Head of the Golf Fellowship by a younger group, who actually play the game. He's feeling rather hurt and insulted”, said Knödler, sounding as if he had a list of points.

“Friends Mürzenich and Polterblume aren't talking to each other because of Polterblume's remark that Mürzenich's talk on Etruscan Graves had been longer than the Odyssey”, Knödler continued.

“There's also an atmosphere between our lady Friends Moosblume and Schnapphals-Schneckenberger.”

“What about?” asked a mystified Pröpke, still feeling a little groggy after his nap.

“Because Friend Moosblume recited her poem at the Spring meeting first, which Friend Schnapphals-Schneckenberger has always done.”

This time it was Knödler who was left feeling mystified, “So much for angelic harmony” sighed Pröpke, as he thanked his friend and returned to his papers.

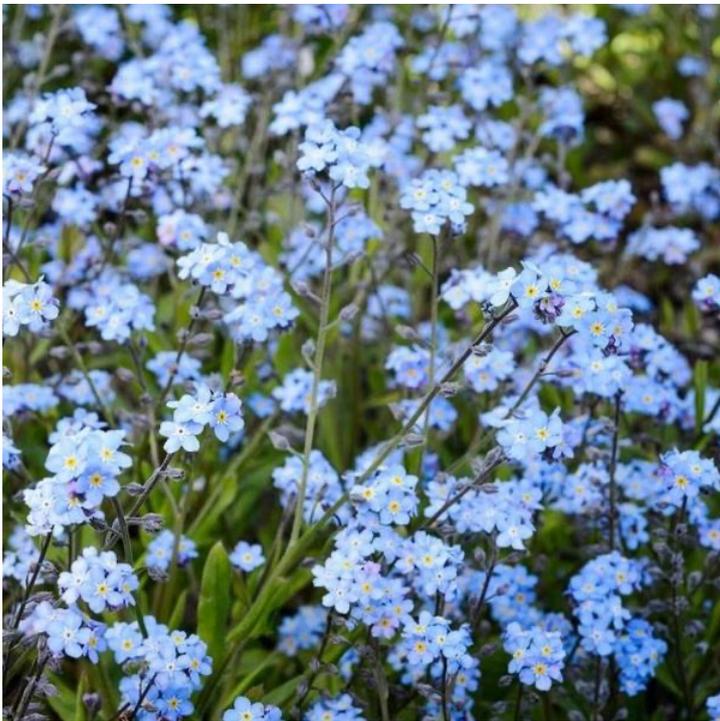
Bröckedde is located in the heart of Germany - where the Rhine and Danube flow into the beautiful Bröckeddesee. This is where RC Bröckedde meets in the Bröckedder Hof - every Wednesday at 1 pm in the Salon Hindenburg.

Alexander Hoffmann 01.05.2021

Photographic Memories of the 2014 welcome BBQ at Poplar Farm for the Ipswich East Rotary Club's visit from our friends from Ipswich Mass.







At our last business meeting members agreed to support the Rotary Forget-Me-Not Project.

This is a low cost project with the aim of raising the Club's profile within the local community, whilst also sending out a message of positivity as we ease out of lockdown. The name of the plant is poignant in that it will stand to remind us of those who sadly lost their lives to COVID.

Members are invited to grow forget-me-nots from seed, prick them out individually into eco-friendly newspaper or toilet roll pots and distribute them for free to their local school, neighbours etc or to have them at the end of their drive for passers-by to pick up.

I hope members will source and fund their own seeds (prices from about 45p for 200 seeds) and compost (£5 or 6 a bag at B&Q).

You will need to make your own newspaper/toilet roll pots - see the link below for instructions:

From newspaper:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pSjab0Re2fA&feature=youtu.be>

Or from toilet roll centres:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XjdeX0g34e0&feature=youtu.be>



Seeds can be sown anytime from now until July. Early sowings may flower this year but most will flower next Spring. They will self seed, will grow almost anywhere, are bee/pet friendly and are non-toxic.

You will be emailed an information sheet to print off with the Rotary logo on it, the Club's website details and simple planting instructions for the recipient. This can be cut up and stuck to the newspaper pots to help spread the message and the word of Rotary.

If you would like to participate in this project then please let me know - jo.banthorpe@btinternet.com or 07918 145399 - and indicate where you intend to distribute your plants, so that we don't end up doubling up.

I hope we can all join together to spread the word and sow some joy! Thanks, *Jo Banthorpe*.

Ipswich East / Ipswich Mass Twinning

The International Committee announce that the revised confirmed dates for **Ipswich East** to visit **Ipswich Mass** are **Wednesday 31st August to the 7th September 2022**.

Members are asked to email George McLellan with their 'expressions of interest' as soon as possible and those who are 'thinking about it', should make a diary note now.



Forward Programme of Meetings

Thursday 13 th May	Annual Golf Day
Tuesday 25 th May	Zoom Club Annual General Meeting <i>(grant distribution put to member vote)</i>
Tuesday 8 th June	Zoom Club Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd June	Zoom Club meeting with guest speaker (tba)
FIFTH TUESDAY OF JUNE	
Tuesday 29 th June	50 th Anniversary lunch at 'The BoxTree' Restaurant founder members will be guests of honour presentation of commemorative gift to founder members also distribution of commemorative lapel pins
Tuesday 13 th July	Club meeting with guest speaker (tba)
Tuesday 27 th July	Club meeting with guest speaker (tba)



**Thursday 13th May 2021
Ipswich Golf Club**

The Golf Day will be an important event this year as it is one of the few opportunities to raise money for our Benevolent Fund.

If you wish to donate a prize for the raffle, which usually raises £650, you can drop it off at Chris' home by Wednesday evening 14th May or take to the venue on the day.