

LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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Club Zoom Speaker Meeting Tuesday 8th June starting at 7.30pm

Speaker will be Steve Runnacles talking about
'Seven Group' and its interaction with the local and
international community.

VoT - President David Chittick - Notes for Newsletter - Bill Robinson



June
David Atkins
Norman Haines
Graham Bickers
John Hutton
July
Chris Harrall
Jack Earwaker
Jo Banthorpe



Tuesday 22nd June at Venue16

Our first meeting in person since March 2020!

*Menu: Salmon Fishcakes served on diced potatoes,
crisp salad with a lemon mayonnaise
followed by tea or coffee.*

As ever there will be vegetarian/vegan or other dietary options available but these must be ordered in advance by e-mailing Dave Atkins atcofam@ntlworld.com

You attendance will be assumed (and you will be charged)
unless you advise to the contrary by emailing rcieattendance@gmail.com.

See you there!

*For the avoidance of doubt, 'Venue 16' was 'The Box Tree'
and prior to that, 'Greshams'.*

Erratum:

The Editor wishes to apologise to both Toby Pound and Bill Pipe having attributed the account of Suffolk Family Carers presentation to our club to Bill Pipe when in fact it was written by Toby Pound. Bill had kindly prepared the text for the previous talk - the perils of cut & paste!



Remembering former President Peter Leveridge

A Thanksgiving for the Life of and Funeral Service for Peter Leveridge was held at St Andrew's Rushmere on Friday 28th May. If you would like to see the recording of the service, please email Alan Forsdike for the YouTube link.

Peter's son Andrew gave a full account of Peter's life and one of Peter's grandsons delivered a short and heartfelt tribute on behalf of his siblings. Grandson Sam (pictured) gave a moving rendition of 'Vocalise' by Rachmaninov on his cello accompanied by organist Alan Loader on the piano.

I have taken the liberty of transcribing Clifford Smith's personal tribute.

I have a very great privilege and responsibility to deal as one should with 25 years of friendship with Peter and Ann and to speak on behalf of all of you who represent so much of what has been Peter since he first arrived at a Rotary meeting and we were all saying, "Who is this chap? Is he a new member?" As luck would have it, I managed to stand beside him and asked why he was there. "I may be joining you. We are coming to live in Suffolk and, as a surveyor, I'm surveying lots of prospects in order to decide what we are going to do.

A few days later June and I were sitting in our usual seats here and I thought, "Where have I seen that chap? Ah, Rotary." When we went through to coffee, I spoke to Peter who said, 'I'm coming to live in Suffolk and I'm surveying various places as I did when I met you at Rotary to see where we might decide to join.'

What a good decision he made for us! He decided that Ipswich East was the best Rotary Club he could find and he thought that this church had the right feeling for them so they got to know Rushmere. I was always stuck by his manner in Rotary and Church and National Trust.

I thought I would relate a little story that says a lot about the man. Peter as you know was pretty good as a quiz member. Very soon he was captain of the East Suffolk Rotary quiz team. We went through to the District final in Norwich. There were about 20 clubs represented. One hundred people including spectators. The tension built up in the evening. It came to the last question of the last round. The question was put (you'll all know the answer) 'What is the name of the line that joins points of equal depth.'

The whole room went deathly silent and everyone was sighing. Then there was the scratch of a pencil as Peter wrote down the answer. You all know the answer so we'll come to that later.

Peter had great thoroughness in everything he did. He was soon made president of the Rotary club as he was twice in London. He epitomised Rotary as service and fellowship.

Here at St Andrew's, Peter quickly showed both. A stalwart member of Jack Earwaker's working party; one of the first to arrive Summer and Winter and one of the last to leave, he was very skilful.

Socially, with Ann, both at church and at Rotary there was so much happening. Would you believe, who was a leader in quiz teams in the hall here. He came along to the WI walks here with Ann who herself served in Inner Wheel.

On the National Trust Association, the new boy soon became a member of the committee and served as treasurer. We shared holidays with great pleasure.

On one of the holidays Peter was reading a book. It was Harry Potter. When I asked why, Peter replied that his grandchildren were reading the author and he wasn't going to be outdone; so he read the lot. Consequently, P always knew the answers to Harry Potter questions in quizzes!

If we stayed all day here reminiscing we would still not cover his 25 years here with us. We would have to talk Conservation, St John's Sports Club. He noted there was a good junior tennis section and so his boys came along to be coached there. His gardening, his koi carp which he so enjoyed.

Every week the four of us had a game of Canasta. Who was the diplomat who decreed that I should play with Peter and Ann with June? Probably two marriages were saved by that masterstroke.

All of what I have had to say and all that I have not had time to say is dwarfed in Peter by one word: family. His pride in his family was always warm and gentle. I doubt that there is no-one here who does not know the lives and careers prospects of these four boys and what wonderful people they have turned out to be.

When we were in New Orleans on one of the holiday cruises, Peter said, "We have to go to find this place." He had a map. There was a special music shop somewhere at the back and there was something only they had for the boys so we walked across New Orleans to find it. That's just one example that they were never far away from his heart and mind and soul.

Shall we go back to Norwich and the quiz? Have you all got the answer? The answer is 'isobath'. I said to Peter, "How on earth did you know that?" "Well," Peter said, "It's isobar on the map, and isobar on the chart is going to be under the water like a bathysphere, so it has to be isobath."

I used the word depth speaking about Peter and his character and the depth of his quiz ability. I looked up the word 'depth' and it said, 'comprehensiveness of study and detail and creditable intensity.' In terms of Peter I would put along with the words, trust reliability, honour and respect.

In an old fashioned term, if you had to choose only one person with whom to be in a trench, it would be Peter.



The President's Afternoon Tea



The pandemic means we cannot hold our traditional President's BBQ this year. Instead, there is an opportunity to gather to

**Celebrate with our incoming President Jo Banthorpe
on Sunday 18th July
at Ufford Park Hotel Woodbridge**

We have exclusive use of 'The Deben Room' from 3pm - 7pm.

Afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm
additional tea and coffee will be available at no extra cost all afternoon.

Seating will be in banqueting tables of eight people.
[This may be subject to change if government guidelines alter.]

A private bar will be available to service the Deben Room.
Places for 60 people have been pre-booked and that can be increased if necessary

Cost £22 per person (assuming 60 attend)

Specimen Afternoon Tea Menu

Choice of Tea; Birchall's English Tea, Earl Grey, Darjeeling or Fruit Infusion
(Paddy & Scott's coffee if preferred)

Traditional Afternoon Tea Menu Finger sandwiches
(Smoked Salmon with lemon & dill mayonnaise Chicken Caesar Egg mayonnaise & cress)

Sausage Roll

Warm Fruit Scone with strawberry preserve & clotted cream

Lemon Posset topped with mango & passion fruit compote

Dark Chocolate Delice

Carrot Cake topped with orange and cream cheese frosting

Strawberry Macaron filled with vanilla buttercream

Rotary Road-map to Recovery

Club Council has agreed that, subject to government restrictions being lifted as planned on 21st June, meetings in the immediate future will be held on...

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

A lunchtime meeting in person at 'Venue 16' (formerly 'The Box Tree')

Lunch will be two courses and coffee at £16 per head

The meeting will not include a guest speaker meetings as the emphasis will be on resuming/ building fellowship. All being well, Lunch Speakers will resume in September.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

An evening meeting on Zoom at 7.30pm with a guest speaker.

**Business meetings will remain once every TWO MONTHS
and held via evening Zoom gatherings.**

Fifth Tuesday meetings will be suspended for the time being except in June.

Arrangements will be under regular review since s we will need to respond to future government announcements and also feedback from members.

The first review of the situation will be at the September Club Council meeting.

New system for notifying non-attendance or extra meals at Lunchtime Meetings

As in pre-pandemic times, **you will need to opt out of lunch** because the club will **assume you will attend** when placing the order for lunch.

If you cannot attend, you must give your apologies via email to Dave Atkins by the Sunday midnight before the physical lunch meeting using this dedicated email address: rcieattendance@gmail.com

If you fail to give notice that you are not attending **you will be charged** the full cost of the meal. The Club pays for all lunches ordered regardless of who attends.

If you need an additional places at lunch (for a guest or a speaker you have arranged) the same rules apply: you must notify Dave Atkins using the same email address by midnight of the Sunday ahead of the meeting.

Role of 'Duty Rotarian' on the day.

Dave Atkins will send a list of expected attendees to one of the Duty Rotarians for the lunch. That Rotarian will be responsible for checking the attendees and agreeing these numbers with the Venue 16 staff at the lunch.

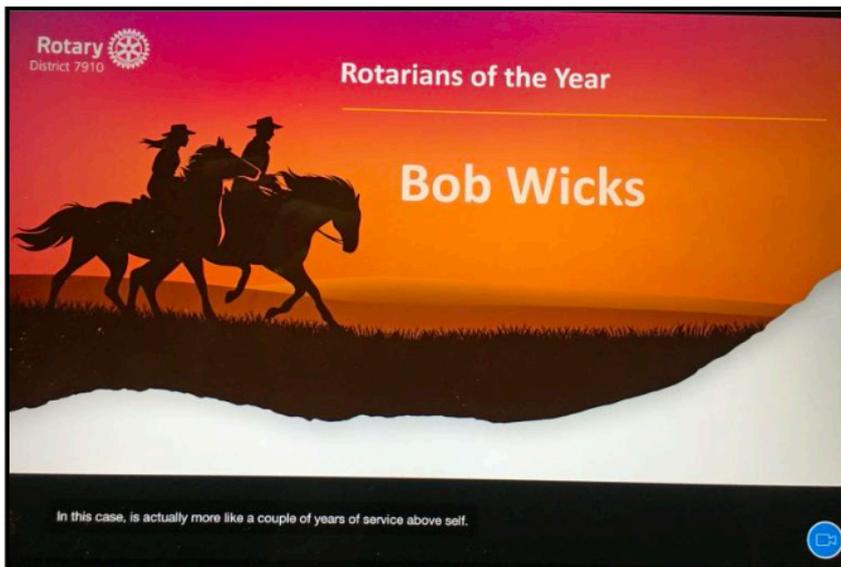
At other times, Club Council encourage members to arrange extra, non-official informal lunch gatherings at 'Venue 16' amongst themselves to encourage fellowship.

The cost is of course independent from the monthly subscription and strictly pay-as-you-go.



President David and Patricia Chittick hosted a "Rotary Bubble" in their garden on 31st May - and the sun shone!

Ipswich Mass Rotary Club 'Happy Bucks' and congratulations to member Bob Snow



Bob Wicks offered 20 happy bucks for being named a District 7910 'Rotarian of the Year', for a second straight year, at last week's District Conference. Bob is wrapping up his year as Aide to the District Governor along with his 7th and final term as an Assistant Governor. Going forward, he plans to focus on family, including his two Rotary families in the Brookfields and Ipswich.

Sr. Leonore Coan offered 11 happy bucks for the 11 Ipswich and Rowley scholarship recipients who received their checks during a drive-by session at the Ipswich High School garden entrance.

Bob Snow thanked **Doug Shealy** and **Martha Mauser** who joined him in placing flowers at the Rotary sponsored 9/11 Memorial in Rowley. Currently, the town and Rotary are planning a 20th anniversary memorial program in September, an event that will feature a new flag pole donated by the club.

Jim Tedford visited his grand-daughter at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.

Roger Burke was happy to see **Laurie Cameron** after a long absence from Ipswich.

District RYLA Chair **Christina Harris** was thrilled that Ipswich and Rowley will be 'front and center' at this year's virtual RYLA event. Although the event will be largely virtual due to the pandemic, outdoor activities will include a canoe trip on the Ipswich River and a closing campfire gathering in Rowley.

Diane Herth was happy to have met more members in person during the recent service projects.

President David Chittick gives a summary of the two District Projects that our club members have agreed to fund Safe water for a poor school in Western Zambia

Clean Water

Rotary Wroxham and Bure Valley has a project to provide a constant supply of clean water to Kambule Secondary School in Western Zambia by installing a bore hole and electric pump. This will reduce the risk of diarrhoea and the spread of COVID-19 through improved sanitation. Currently the delivery of water is erratic and it is high in iron.

I received an e mail from Robin Baines, President of Wroxham and Bure Valley on behalf of his club expression sincere thanks to Ipswich East 'for pledging £500 towards Rotarian Geof Harrison's bore hole and pump project in a very poor area of Zambia'.

A similar bore hole and electric pump has been installed with funding from the club in a Trades Training Institute in the same town of Mongu. Robin also mentions that 7 years ago he went out to a different part of Zambia to help an orphanage/school/farming college with a tractor and tools. His personal experience has confirmed for him the importance of helping our fellow human beings.

Teaching the Teachers in the Gambia

In sub-Saharan Africa 21% of primary school age children and 36% of young teenagers are missing out on school.

In Ghana 69% of the population live in poverty and 40% of the population is under the age of 15. There is a need for teachers.

Wider access to education would radically reduce poverty and improve security and health in Africa.

Eley Hereward Rotary Club obtained a Global grant to first build a nursery and a primary school and then a secondary School in Jalanbang in the West of Gambia, 100 miles from the capital Banjul. They have also funded the drilling of a bore hole to supply water to the schools. The E-club of Innovation are now working with Eley Hereward to provide a computer and projector at a cost of £1,600 for classes to be delivered from the University of Banjul and the Open University in the UK to Teach the Teachers at the secondary school. 5 more teaching centres in 5 other tribal areas are also going to be provided with on-line classes for teachers.

The plan is for satellites to be launched by Space X to enable classes to be provided on-line through 5G on a country-by-country basis all over Africa. Rotary District 1080 will continue to work with the Open University to facilitate the education the children of Africa by replication what they are doing in Gambia.

John Beer from the e-club of Innovation gave the presentation on this project. He thanks Ipswich East for the donation of £500 which he anticipates will attract a District 1080 matching grant.

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.



The Grants Committee recommendations gained club approval at the last Business Meeting. Here's a selection of the responses and letters and thanks...

From EACH (children's hospice)

We really appreciate the club's support and generosity.

If you're caring for a child or young person with a life-threatening illness, often for 24 hours a day, seven days a week you can feel like a huge strain has been placed on your family life. We hear families telling us that their lives are governed by the timetable of nursing and medical needs.

Our short break care service, which your gift has gone towards, aims to ease this pressure. Our care team can visit the home to relieve care duties or families can bring their child into the hospice for care during the day or overnight. The service is tailored and there's often the option of staying with your child at the hospice too.

At The Treehouse hospice, we are currently delivering care services to 109 children and young people alongside 47 family members. The Treehouse has five bedrooms for children and young people, and accommodation for families to use for overnight stays. Its facilities include a sensory room, hydrotherapy pool, music studio, a haven, play areas, sensory garden, a woodland walk and specialist outdoor play equipment.

Your donation of £1,000 has paid for approx. 28 hours of short break service care services which will help our local families through this difficult time. Thank you for your generosity.

From Kids Cancer Charity

Thank you for the good news that our application was successful. As instructed the donation will be ring fenced for the benefit of a child from the Ipswich area to receive a respite break. We'd be delighted to be mentioned in your newsletter and we'll happily pass on any feedback that we receive.

The Kids Cancer Charity is a national charity that was set up in 1989 to support children with cancer and their families.

We have gained a reputation as a professional organisation which provides very high standards of care and support, but also one that understands what it means to have a child with cancer and the deep distress this brings.

Families that have a child with cancer need to know that there are people who understand fully their particular problems. Here, at the Kids Cancer Charity, those families find that support and understanding.

From Lighthouse Women's Aid:

Thank you to the members of Rotary Club of Ipswich East for the generous donation of £500 towards our kitchen renovation.

The 3 kitchens in our refuge were 20 years old and really needed a complete renovation, I have attached a picture of the old kitchens which were a lovely shade of yellow, and the more modern new kitchens for contrast, refuge can house 15 women and up to 27 children and the kitchens like any home extensively used by the families.

There are 2 large kitchens with 3 sinks, 2 cookers, a large free standing fridge/freezer and also a built in fridge and freezer, as well as a bank of lockable cupboards for the women to store their non perishable foods. The smaller kitchen has one sink and cooker, built in fridge and freezer and also a bank of lockable cupboards.

We have been very lucky to receive practical and financial support from a local business and some funding from IBC and Ipswich Greyfriars Round Table however this still leaves a £7,723 short fall and which your kind donation will help to reduce... it really does make such a difference, I will be producing our next newsletter at the end of June and you will also be thanked for your support in our article about the kitchen renovation.

The Rotary Lapel Pin – Generation 2.0



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

01.06.2021

President Pröpke was pleased to be in front of a well filled Salon Hindenburg for RC Bröckedde's weekly Wednesday lunchtime meeting. The previous week had been a scatter meeting and various members had already reported back on where they had been and what good ideas and projects other clubs were working on. Pröpke made his report last and with some concern. He had visited neighbouring RC Redliwil and had come away feeling quite shaken.

Pröpke related how the Redliwil meeting had opened with their President Bräker's demand for a new initiative, one which would really have an impact on their Club and further afield. There had been a prompt response from one Redliwil member, Pröpke continued, Friend Gafner, a doctor in engineering and leading expert in electro-mobility, who queried the validity of Rotary's cogwheel logo; there were going to be no cogwheels in an electrified and greener future.

Professor Dr Baumann, Senior Consultant at Redliwil's hospital had then added to the discussion, "Nowadays, patients are often disturbed by my Rotary pin recognising only a corona virus". An intense debate followed, which President Bräker eventually called to order with a request for an action plan.

The new logo would have to be trend setting, gender sensitive, non-racist, pacifist, anti-imperialist, international, climate neutral, indicate support for LGBT+ rights and pronoun choice yet still reflect traditional Rotary values. Whilst the tongue-twisting discussion continued, RC Redliwil's newest member and star designer, Friend Schlupsinger, had been busy sketching on a napkin in the seat next to the increasingly befuddled guest from RC Bröckedde. Schlupsinger then held up his design showing a rainbow coloured four leaf clover symbolising Rotary's four-way test but also diversity, transparency, inclusivity and much more. The design was to be submitted immediately by WhatsApp to Rotary World HQ in Evanston for approval. The reply had been by return, polite, negative but accompanied with Evanston's own plans for an update. The cogwheel symbol was to be retained but the Generation 2.0 pin would contain a specially developed chip with a four-way test alarm, GPS tracker/locator, donation recorder, activity participation indicator and attendance meter.

A drained President Pröpke concluded his report to his astonished audience of RC Bröckedde members in the familiar, shabby-chic setting of Salon Hindenburg. As they dispersed from what had been a longer-than-usual meeting, there was rebellion in the air with much swearing of loyalty to their traditional Rotary pins, quotes from various sections of the Data Protection Act plus talk of protests, petitions and barricades. The Redliwil initiative was definitely making an impact.

Orwell Challenge Registrations exceed 600

At time of going to press the numbers are:
444 Walkers, 90 half-marathon - 69 full-marathon runners.

A revised rota was issued last week by email from Hon Sec Tony Baker.



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.**

Photographic Memories of the 2014 Handover at Station Farm with lots of happy, smiling faces.





Forward Programme of Meetings

(See also the Rotary Road-map to Recovery on p4)

Tuesday 22nd June

Lunchtime Club meeting at 'Venue 16'

Duty Rotarians : Peter Shepherd & Lucy Trenchard

FIFTH TUESDAY OF JUNE

Tuesday 29th June

50th Anniversary lunch at 'Venue 16'

*founder members will be guests of honour
presentation of commemorative gift to founder members also
distribution of commemorative lapel pins*

Tuesday 13th July

Club Presidential Handover at 'Venue 16'

Duty Rotarians : Ray Walters & Lewis Tyler

Sunday 18th July

3pm - 7pm Afternoon Tea at Ufford Park
(replaces the President's BBQ)

Pop-out to the Pop-up and Tidy up?

Six churches in Ipswich are hosting 'Pop-Up Shops' providing low-cost food for some really needy people.

This is a great example of the churches getting involved in and supporting their local communities.

One of them is St Helen's Church in St Helen's Street where a 'shop' is held every Thursday.

Could you help Community Service Committee Chairman George Woodward make up an Ipswich East Rotary Club Working Party to help make the outside more welcoming and attractive?

If you are interested, email George Woodward.

