

LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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October
Ewan Dodds
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Brian Annis
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Geoff Ramsdale
Steve Flory
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Club Lunchtime Meeting at 'Venue 16' Tuesday 12th October at 12.55pm

Guest Speaker: Tess Aristodemou
Chief Executive Office, 'Aspect Living Foundation'
(Suffolk Meals on Wheels)

Duty Rotarians : Eric Barnett & Graham Bickers

President's Afternoon Tea

President Jo writes...

I was delighted to welcome around forty Rotarians, partners and guests to Ufford Park's stunning Vista Room Sunday 3rd October, for the President's Afternoon Tea and an informal celebration of the Club's 50th Charter Anniversary.

The aptly named *Vista Room* afforded us a stunning panoramic view over the golf course and beyond, made even more dramatic by a sudden rain shower punctuating the sunshine, and a glorious full rainbow appearing when the rain had stopped.

You will remember that this event had been scheduled to be held last July, but we just missed out on the lifting of Covid restrictions so sadly it had to be rearranged.

It was decided to combine the traditional President's BBQ with this informal 'nod' to the Club's Charter Anniversary due to a persistent undercurrent of uncertainty surrounding the organisation of a formal charter dinner. Club Council agreed that a "50+1" formal Charter Dinner would be staged next year when hopefully Covid hesitancy and rising infection rates will be less unpredictable.

Ufford Park's buffet style Afternoon Tea was absolutely delicious! We had a selection of crustless sandwiches, tiny desserts and cakes, and of course the requisite scones, clotted cream and jam.

We were honoured to have the company of District Assistant Governor Lynda Easthaugh, who spoke about what it means to be a Rotarian, and why now, more than ever it is important to continue to support our Clubs and to diversify to accommodate the members who have yet to join us.

All in all it was an extremely enjoyable afternoon, and a very civilised way to spend a Sunday! Many thanks to Dave Atkins for his patience and hard work in arranging, then rearranging the event.



Here is the text of Lynda Easthaugh's speech...

Thank you so much for inviting me here today to join you on the very special occasion of your 50th Charter Celebrations. I thought that it would be a Golden opportunity to talk about why people join Rotary.

The two original reasons for the formation of Rotary were Friendship and Business Development.

In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship.

The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

Rotary is an organisation of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.

Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community

In Rotary we have a programme designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world.

Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. Serving others is fun.

Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the 33,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.

Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

Our Vocational Skills are developed in that every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.

Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

Rotarians above all are nice people - the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of "it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice."

As Rotarians we have been given the Opportunity to Serve. Rotary is a Service Club. Its product is serving. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfilment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

The Rotary Club of Ipswich EAST have been successful in all these things for the past 50 years in serving your community and in developing your own personal growth.

It's a Golden Era for you all.

Now, we all need to move forward and encourage the next generation to join us and serve their community for the next 50 years. Rotary is a great Club to belong to and most importantly, when serving others, we must have fun!

The Survey

Thank you to the 61 members out of our total membership of 70 who took the time and trouble to respond to the short survey last week.

President Jo and the Club Council are very grateful to you all for giving a steer from the majority of the membership - much clearer than a show of hands at an in-person meeting.



The results...

Part 1 had 60 responses to: **“I prefer to meet...”**

27 (45%) expressed a preference to meet **weekly** in person

33 (55%) expressed a preference to meet **fortnightly** in person (on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)

Part 2 had 59 responses to: **“I prefer Business Meetings to be...”**

46 members expressed a preference for **bi-monthly in person** at lunchtime (78.0%)

13 members expressed a preference for **bi-monthly on Zoom** in the evening (22.0%)

If you are wondering why the figures above report only a maximum of 60 responses, that’s because one respondent said they did not favour any of the suggestions.

Club Council met on Monday night 11th October to discuss the results.

Notifying non-attendance [or extra meals] at Lunchtime Meetings

You must opt out of lunch (in-person) meetings.
The club will **assume you will attend** when placing their 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.

Email: rcieattendance@gmail.com

If you don’t opt out, **you will be charged** the full cost of the meal.
The Club pays for all lunches ordered regardless of the number who attend.

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

St Mary le Tower Christmas Tree Festival 1st - 8th December 2021

Member Ian Lord writes:

Our Rotary Club has voted to place a Christmas Tree in this year's event.

It's two years since the event was last held and the organising team are keen to hold this year's festival which is part of the town Christmas scene.

I wondered if there are any Rotarians or their companies or professional organisations who would like to sponsor a tree.

If you would like to get in touch with me I will send you further details.

It is a wonderful opportunity for the whole town to see what a wide variety of organisations are in the town.



Golf News from Allan Gosling

Our golf day at Purdis went well: very wet in the morning but sunny and clear for our afternoon game, very windy but nice.

Peter Moss who was a late entrant won on countback from Neill Keveren both had a great score of 37, in equal third place were Martin Whitworth, Bill Robinson & Allan Gosling and the third place on countback went to Martin Whitworth.

The turnout was down on last year but it was good to be golfing and eating together.



Undy 500 - North Coast Scotland 500 mile road trip

John Button writes:

A few friends and I are fundraising for Colchester & Ipswich Hospitals Breast Charity - The Blossom Appeal - in support of the new Breast Cancer unit at Ipswich Hospital.

We have purchased cars for under £500 and have to get them to Scotland and then do the Undy 500 Challenge - and I am no mechanic! If you feel able to support this brilliant cause please click on the Just Giving link below and "open hyperlink" to donate

Go to www.justgiving.com and put in a search for 'Steve Flory' to find the page.

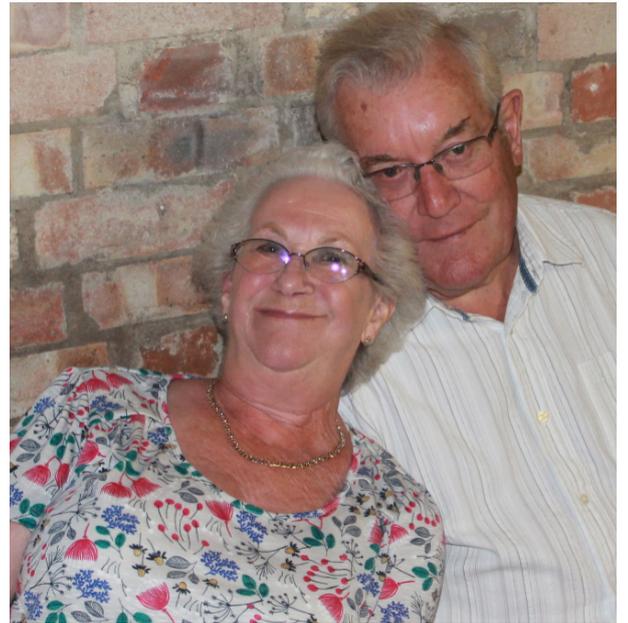
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Your support would make a big difference and will be very much appreciated.

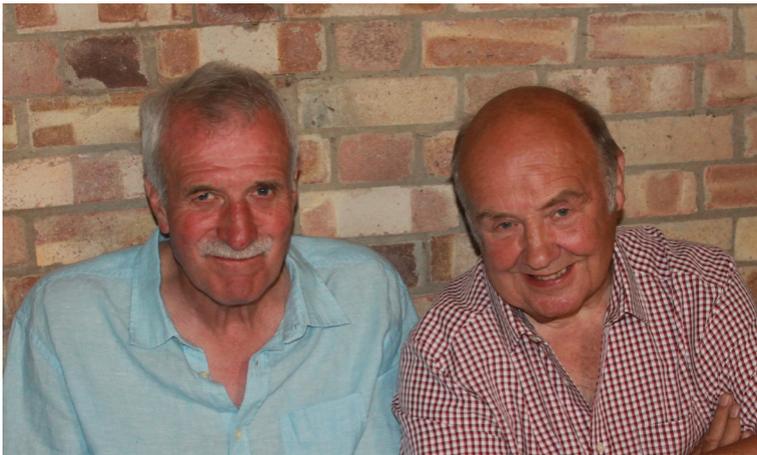
Next Ipswich East Rotary Club Meeting

Tuesday, 26th October **Face-to-Face Meeting with Guest Speaker**
Suzanne Couszins, Business Connector,
Youth Pledge for Employers Project
12.55pm at 'Venue 16'

Duty Rotarians: John Button and David Chittick (please confirm you are going to be available)



**Another Successful Strawberry
Supper at Station Farm
this time, photographs taken
in 2015**



Rotary Club Babalu



At 2:30 pm exactly, President Pröpke sounded the gong and the Club's members raced out of the Salon Hindenburg, as if the fire alarm had gone off. The dear old President felt a little put out, "Pity that our meetings always seem to end so abruptly. It would be rather nice if some of our Rotarians stayed on for a bit of a chat".

"Well, evening meetings might be more relaxed," answered Treasurer Knödler, "There would then be no great rush to get back to the office". A change was made and the Club tried meeting in the Salon Hindenburg at 7pm.

The date in question happened to coincide with the opening of the Bröckedder Hof's latest attraction, 'The Babalu Bar.' This was absolutely the coolest retro-chic masterpiece you could imagine, with Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" playing as introductory cocktails were served, Bröckedde Specials, a mind blowing mix of local "Schlunzbier" and gin; shaken, not stirred.

The Bar was a huge success, not least due to the new barmaid Chantal and her red latex outfit. It certainly trumped the Salon Hindenburg's head waiter's rather moth-eaten tails. Now after meetings, members went straight to the Babalu Bar for nightcaps, networking, gossip and intrigue. President Pröpke was delighted with the way Club life had been invigorated although he also noted that the Bar was far more popular than the old Salon and it was getting rather difficult to prise members away for the start of any meeting. In fact, there had just been a bit of a fiasco when a visiting speaker, the Chair of the National Association of Single Cat Owners, spoke to an audience of only eight members and three cats. Everyone else was with Chantal and Sinatra. "We may as well call ourselves RC Babalu", declared a disappointed President Pröpke and reintroduced some lunchtime meetings, when bar wasn't open.

A few weeks later and after years of pleading by the good President, Professor Theophilus Würgzwiebel actually agreed to speak to RC Bröckedde. A leading philosopher of global fame for his asceticism, Professor Würgzwiebel had been living for decades in a bare hut, high in the Bavarian Alps with no belongings. President Pröpke had actually called in on him during his recent walking holiday and was delighted if rather surprised at the great philosopher's response, "Yes, I'll certainly come but I hope we'll meet in the Babalu Bar. Is Chantal still there?"

The Big Hoot Ipswich

Forty decorated models will swoop into Ipswich next summer as part of St Elizabeth Hospice's Big Hoot Ipswich 2022.

Owls were chosen as the charity has taken patients with progressive illnesses, and their families, "under the wing of its care" for 32 years.

The charity's last trail, of elephants in 2019, raised £260,000.

The Ipswich-based charity said the owl sculptures would feature designs celebrating "all things Suffolk" and be on display in the town's centre, waterfront and Christchurch Park from June to September next year.



President Jo throws down the challenge...

Do we have any budding artists amongst our members (and partners/families eg Julie Dodds) who would be willing/able to come up with a bright and cheerful design to celebrate Suffolk and to promote the Club and Rotary in general?

Entries open to submission until 15th October 2021 and it's free to submit a design. Artists whose design is accepted will be given £900 and guidance from the Hospice team during the process of painting and varnishing their owl statue.

JOIN US FOR A SPOOK-TACULAR EVENING AT

LANDGUARD FORT Felixstowe

4.45pm
Friday, 22nd Oct. 2021

B.Y.O.
and bring a torch!

£25
PER PERSON

- ~ INCLUDES GUIDED TOUR OF THE FORT BY EXPERIENCED GUIDES
- ~ TWO COURSE DINNER
- ~ AFTER DINNER TALK ABOUT THE RESIDENT GHOSTS
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