

# LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East  
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CLUB OFFICERS 2021/22  
President: Jo Banthorpe  
Sen V. President: Steve Runnacles  
Jun V President: George Woodward  
Secretary: Tony Baker  
Asst Secretary: Bill Robinson  
Treasurer: Neil Hewitt



**January**  
Ray Walters  
Andy Lewis  
Dick Jeffery  
Eva Alcerreca  
Ian Lord  
**February**  
Peter Shjepherd

## Club Lunchtime Business Meeting at 'Venue 16' Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 12.55pm

**Duty Rotarians: John Hutton & Bill Izzard**

*(the forward rota for duty Rotarians will be published in the next newsletter once we have establistablished the new meeting schedule.)*

## Rotary Club of Ipswich East - the way forward

### **Extraordinary General Meeting - 11th January 2022**

Senior Vice President Steve Runnacles chaired the meeting explained how when the pandemic had disrupted face to face meeting and it had been agreed by a ballot around July 2021 that two face-to-face meetings would take place each month until the end of the Rotary year. The purpose of this EGM was to review that decision now rather than wait.

George Woodward spoke about the proposals of the Planning Group previously circulated. George said Covid guidance was 'a moving feast' and continues to evolve. Club Council had been conscious of the difficulties in organising meetings and therefore favoured meeting twice each month.

David Knights set out a case for weekly meetings and said that the club needed to look forward to the future. He emphasised the requests from older club members who wished to attend weekly meetings for fellowship. He also emphasised the need for club members to take on responsibility for being involved in the organisation of a service organisation.

Neil Hewitt made the point that club members were not compelled to attend each week and that a weekly meeting would be available for those who wished to attend. Supporting this, Chris Harrall said weekly meetings would increase the ability of working members to attend when they could, and for prospective members to be introduced to the club.

Mark Murphy expressed support for President Jo and reminded us of the difficulties she has had as our president as did past presidents David Chittick and Liz Harsant. Mark also expressed a desire to return to meeting weekly and emphasised the need to move forward, reunite the club and attract new young members. He and Stephanie Mackentyre are prepared to take on the role of Joint Speaker Finders.

Alan Forsdike suggested that new software for booking attendance at meetings would ease the pressure of arranging meetings and asked how the project was progressing. Steve Runnacles said that he would give an update at the next Business Meeting.

Tony Baker described recent information in the International Rotary Members' Newsletter which stated that there was a clear expectation that club meetings would continue much as they had done in the past. Indications are that the Previous club Speaker Finders had confirmed that there would be sufficient speakers available for weekly meetings.

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Tony emphasised that Rotary recruitment was very much a club member task of “telling and selling” Rotary to prospective new members. Presently, four members of the club were actively talking to prospective members.

He said weekly meetings were essential to ensure that prospective new members were inducted into the club without delay to ensure that they were not enticed away by the 2,000+ charities and voluntary organisations in Suffolk that are competing for members.

Tony emphasised the twin priorities of service and fellowship in Rotary and that service needs strong fellowship to provide the teams for our service projects.

The meeting proposed and seconded that we should resume our previously established pattern of weekly meetings as from Tuesday 1st February 2022.

The thirty club members who were present at the time of the vote voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

The format of future meetings was considered by Club Council on 18<sup>th</sup> January and the recommendation which will be made to the Business Meeting is:

- Week 1 Fellowship/Committee Meeting
- Week 2 Speaker Meeting
- Week 3 Speaker Meeting
- Week 4 Business Meeting

### **Editor’s note:**

*This report is based on the minutes of the EGM and the Club Council which were circulated by Hon Sec Tony Baker, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.*

*There are four ‘Fifth Tuesdays’ in a calendar year (29<sup>th</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> May in the remainder of this Rotary year). The Club Council minutes do not record a discussion on how the club might meet.*

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## **John Riches - RIP**

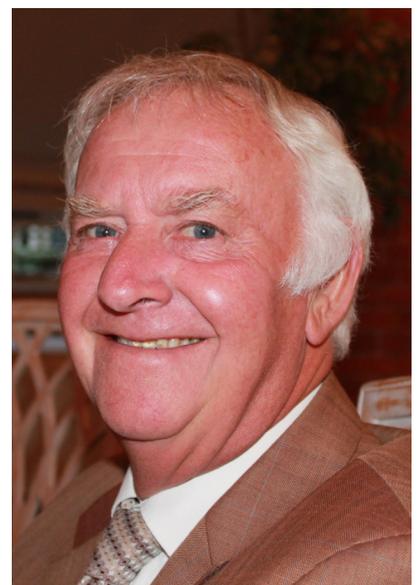
Ipswich East Rotary Club mourns the unexpected death of John who joined our club in 1986 and therefore had been a member for 36 years.

He had been a mainstay of the ‘Orwell Challenge’ as a Checkpoint leader for many years. He was a serial supporter of our events with Anne at both social and sports events in his quiet and unassuming way.

He had been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, mostly for his outstanding work as club almoner. He had telephoned over 20 people every Monday during the Covid pandemic and had brought much comfort and support to them during this difficult period.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his devoted wife Anne.

At the time of going to press, no details have been announced of a funeral.



## Twinning visit to Rotary Club of Ipswich, Massachusetts

While the twinning is still quite a few months off, both Martha (U.S.-side organiser) and I have started putting some thoughts down. Our U.S. cousins need to know who and how many are committed to take part in joining the exchange.

Please let me know now if you would like to go. We currently have 16 signed up and it would be nice to be nearer 20.

If you've never participated in the US twinning you might like to know that, in theory, it happens every two years meaning that we host every four years.

The event itself lasts a week and we are accommodated in Rotarians' homes and vice versa. This arrangement works well and keeps the cost down when you are visiting but it does imply that one would reciprocate in two years time. Usually hosts and guests form good relationships which develop such as in our case, where we have become extremely good friends with our hosts, Bob and Kathy Gravino. We recognise that sometimes the pairings don't quite work so we change it for next time with no fuss.

When we travel to Ipswich Massachusetts, most of us tack on an additional holiday having already committed to the expense of airfares. In 2022, I understand that some Rotarians are traveling to the US on the Queen Mary II.

We do hope you will consider joining and I look forward to answering and questions you may have in the meantime. *George McLellan*

**RESPONSES ARE NEEDED NOW - PLEASE CONTACT GEORGE**

**Notifying non-attendance [or extra meals] at Lunchtime Meetings**  
*(until the new electronic system is introduced)*

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 Bill Izzard by midnight on the Sunday before the 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



**25<sup>th</sup> January - Chicken Breast**  
**1<sup>st</sup> February - TBA**  
**8<sup>th</sup> February - Lasagne**  
**15<sup>th</sup> February - TBA**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February - Roast Topside of Beef**

*Alternatives are available but must be notified in advance unless you have a 'standing order'.*

## A 'thank you' from 'Sound On' talking newspaper

I have just received our latest bank statement and can see a donation of £250 from the Rotary Club, so a huge thank you to you and the club for this exceedingly generous donation.

Kind regards,

Andy Gorham



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### Editor Alan's Surprise Discovery

My sister and I have been tackling the huge pile of family photographs we inherited from our parents. Amongst them was a copy of an 'official' photograph of a ceremony held at a temporary memorial to those who perished in the Great War. The memorial was set up almost exactly on the site of the present 'Giles' statue at the junction of Princes and Queen Street. The size of the crowd is astounding.

I wondered why my grandparents had gone to the expense of purchasing a copy of the photograph. I captured the image on my iPad and enlarged it to read the names of the battles on the placards and my question was answered since there on the front row is my Grandfather Edward (Harry) Forsdike! He was a diminutive character; his service record reveals that he was just 5'2" at the time of demobilisation. It was a joy to 'see' him again. Grandad Harry enlisted on 17th April 1913, served one year and 110 days in the territorials and four years and 237 days in the colours (Suffolk and Cambs regiments) in France. He was twice wounded and discharged in 1919 (the date of the photograph). He died in 1978, 5 months before his 85th birthday.

I posted the photograph on Facebook and almost immediately had a response from the organisers of the Ipswich War Memorial website who said, *"This was a temporary structure, first to be a memorial for the Suffolk Regiment, but then taken over for fundraising and a centre for remembrance for those who served during the war. It is our understanding the ex-servicemen had marched up from Portman Road... This is an important part of Ipswich's history, the fund for the new memorial hoped to raise £5,000. By 1924 the total ran into £50,000 enabling the building of a memorial and an extra wing of the Hospital (Anglesea Road)*



*"We hope to use the image in an exhibition in the town centre under Lloyds Avenue arches in time for Remembrance Day 2022. The image will also be stored in our archive."*

**Result!**



## *Some bar work for the pedants and grammarians amongst us...*

- An Oxford comma walks into a bar, where it spends the evening watching the television, getting drunk, and smoking cigars.
- A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.
- A bar was walked into by the passive voice.
- An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.
- Two quotation marks walk into a “bar.”
- A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.
- Hyperbole totally rips into this insane bar and absolutely destroys everything.
- A question mark walks into a bar?
- A non sequitur walks into a bar. In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly.
- Papyrus and Comic Sans walk into a bar. The bartender says, "Get out -- we don't serve your type."
- A mixed metaphor walks into a bar, seeing the handwriting on the wall but hoping to nip it in the bud.
- Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar. They sit. They converse. They depart.
- A synonym strolls into a tavern.
- At the end of the day, a cliché walks into a bar -- fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack.
- A run-on sentence walks into a bar it starts flirting. With a cute little sentence fragment.
- Falling slowly, softly falling, the chiasmus collapses to the bar floor.
- A figure of speech literally walks into a bar and ends up getting figuratively hammered.
- An allusion walks into a bar, despite the fact that alcohol is its Achilles heel.
- The subjunctive would have walked into a bar, had it only known.
- A misplaced modifier walks into a bar owned by a man with a glass eye named Ralph.
- The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.
- A dyslexic walks into a bra.
- A verb walks into a bar, sees a beautiful noun, and suggests they conjugate. The noun declines.
- A simile walks into a bar, as parched as a desert.
- A gerund and an infinitive walk into a bar, drinking to forget.
- A hyphenated word and a non-hyphenated word walk into a bar and the bartender nearly chokes on the irony

**(OK, so I was short of news this week! Over to you...)**



# Inner Wheel Club of Ipswich East



President: Catherine Forsdike  
Secretary: Margaret Woodward  
Treasurer: Rosey Watson

Club Correspondent: Anne Riches - International Service Organiser: Monica Pipe  
Membership and Welfare: Ruth Goodship - Social: VACANT  
Fund Raising: Judi Walters - Community Service: Anne NG

## PROGRAMME

*(All subject to change)*

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 7.15pm - Zoom Business and Social Meeting

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Trivia Quiz - Tuddenham Village Hall  
PLEASE KEEP THE DATE!**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 12:15pm - Frugal Lunch at Hill House, 2 Henley Road

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - District Committee Meeting: Honington and Sapiston Village Hall**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 12:15 - Speaker Meeting (tba)

**5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> April - Inner Wheel Conference Bournemouth - CANCELLED**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 7:15pm - AGM and District Chairman's Visit

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - District International Rally - Ely**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7:15pm - Speaker Meeting (tba)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - District Committee Meeting and AGM - Brome Grange**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7:15pm - Handover meeting - Prosecco and Strawberries



*raising funds for President Catherine's charity, 'Suffolk Headway'.*

**Tuddenham Village Hall  
Friday 25th February 2022**

We are starting 7.30pm sharp but please arrive from 7pm to make your menu choices for food which will be served at your table.

**Chilli, Chicken Curry (vegetarian option) with rice followed by fresh fruit - £10 per person - 10 teams of 6 people max**

**Book by emailing Judi Walters**