

# LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East  
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## Club Lunchtime Meeting at 'Venue 16' Guest Speaker: Steve Runnacles

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 12.55pm**

*Duty Rotarians: David Knights & Andy Lewis*

*(the forward rota for duty Rotarians is on the last page of this newsletter.)*

**February**  
John Barbour\*  
Nigel Farthing\*  
Steph Mackentyre\*  
Francis Fobbie\*  
Des Cunningham  
Martin Whitworth  
*(\*all on the same day!)*

Steve Runnacles will be giving a presentation on and explanation of the new Rotary attendance 'app' which is very straightforward to use.

As Steve briefly explained 2 weeks ago, in this early implementation stage, you will be sent a reminder email each week and all you need to do is click the 'Yes\*' button if you are attending or the 'Apologies\*' button if you are not able to attend. If you don't respond, you'll get a reminder and if you ignore that... well come along to find out!

*(\*or words to that effect)*

## 2022 Meal Pricing at Venue 16 from January

Until very recently, our club has paid an annual membership fee of £2,500 for our Tuesday access, in addition to the individual members meal costs.

Now that 'Venue 16' has effectively taken over the running of the facility we will no longer pay a separate membership fee, instead it will be included in the cost of the meal.

The price of our one course meal will therefore change from £11.50 to £13.00 (inc VAT) an increase of £1.50.

However, around £1.40 of that increase is the transferred membership fee so the actual year on year meal cost increase is just 10p.

## Ipswich East Rotary Club Annual Golf Day Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath 18th May 2022.

The format will be similar to our previous golf days at Purdis Heath, with four ball teams and tee times from 8am-10am.

We hope not to be restricted by COVID-19 this year, so we will be able to have the normal catering facilities

**Please save the date.**

Chris Harrall will soon be issuing the entry forms.



**The Funeral and Memorial Service for John Riches will be on  
Thursday 24th February at 12noon at Seven Hills,  
followed by a gathering at The Trinity Rooms, Trinity Park**

**All Rotarians and partners are welcome to attend.**

*Family flowers only please and black dress code not necessary.*

*Donations in memory of John will be forwarded to St Elizabeth Hospice and British Heart Foundation.*

# An update on Crossrail:

by John Norman - Ipswich Rotary Club

Crossrail, a new, partially underground railway line between Abbey Wood and Reading was due to open in 2018, there have been multiple delays, some of which were reported in the Rotary Newsletter. We are now promised that it will open in the summer of 2022 (although Bond Street station which has been particularly difficult will not be ready until later this year and a full service will not be offered until May 2023).



The estimated cost, agreed by the Government in 2010 was £14.8 billion, the expenditure thus far indicates it will cost close to £19 billion. Actually this isn't bad as far as railways go: the Great Western Railway between London and Bristol was estimated to cost £3 million, by the time it was completed it had cost £6.5 million (over twice the original cost).

We all know Boris likes bridges, they are probably legacy projects that will carry his name into perpetuity. The proposed garden bridge across the Thames cost £54 million only to be abandoned before the first brick was laid His most recent plan was for a bridge across the Irish Sea, somewhere in the region of Stranraer to Larne. At an estimated cost of £335 billion (and some say impossible to build because of the depth of Beaufort's Dyke, a one thousand feet deep sea trench into which we dumped enormous amounts of explosives at the end of the Second World War. The feasibility study suggests that at this price the bridge will never recover the expenditure and the project has been abandoned, the good news is that we've spent less than one million so far.

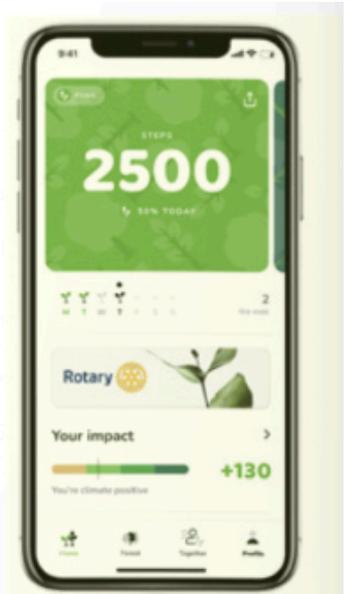
After this, it hardly seems fair to mention HS2, with an estimated cost (in 2010) of £55 billion you won't be surprised to learn that this has risen - well nearly doubled to £98 billion (and only because the last leg - between Nottingham (East Midlands Parkway) and Leeds has been downgraded from a new High Speed line into an upgrade of the existing railway. Oh, and the upgrade is only as far as Sheffield (40 miles short of the original destination).

## Crossrail route



To put all of these multi-million pound figures into perspective, Indonesia is building a new capital city, 'Nusantara' (archipelago), the existing capital, Jakarta is low-lying, overcrowded and polluted. The new city is estimated to cost just 466 trillion rupiah (£24 billion), half the original cost of HS2.

# Join the Rotary – Treekly Challenge



There is no single easy solution to climate change but planting millions of trees is a key part of it. The Treekly Challenge is to maintain a daily walking habit of 5,000 steps. Hit the target, and in return mangrove trees are planted on your behalf in Madagascar.

RI President Shekhar Mehta has highlighted the importance of mangrove trees and at COP26 declared that mangrove restoration will become one of the key threads of Rotary's environmental focus.

Our daily walks can help our physical and mental health, combat climate change, and help create livelihoods for people living in extreme poverty, educating and empowering them to restore and protect forests on a

massive scale. Restoring our forests helps offset carbon emissions – 20 trees per month captures 1,000kg of CO2 and is climate positive

Rotary GB&I has partnered with Treekly to develop a Rotary challenge league where individual members can compete in their clubs, clubs can compete in their Districts and Districts can compete against Districts!

The RGB&I District Governor continuity group have set an annual target of planting 5 million trees in a year –this would, for example, offset 500,000 flights from London to New York!

## How do you get involved?

Firstly, download the Treekly App from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android). Once you have an account you can then join your Rotary group by using the five-digit RI number for your

club. You will then be able to see your individual performance of steps, trees planted and your forest grow. You will also see how you, your club and our District are performing!

A "How to" guide can be viewed and downloaded by clicking on the smartphone graphic above.

Rotary members have three options:

1. Use the app for free and earn up to one tree per week. These are awarded when completing the Treekly Challenge: 5000 steps for any five days in a week
2. Upgrade to "Treekly Plus - Rotary", which allows users to earn one mangrove tree every day that they walk 5000 steps at a cost of just £39.99 per annum (including £4 annual donation to End Polio Now)
3. For those not into computers and technology or are less active or mobile, any member can simply purchase a 12-Month Offset Tree Pack (to match the average UK adult annual carbon footprint) at a discounted price of £59.99 (including £4 donation to End Polio Now)



**President Jo has started an Ipswich East group and encourages members to join.**

**How about you?**

**Our group code is T-L50GO, with password IpsEastRot.**

## 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**

### Can't Attend?

**You must opt out of lunch 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](mailto: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



### LUNCHTIME MENU

**8<sup>th</sup> February - Lasagne**

**15<sup>th</sup> February - Cod & Chips**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February - Minted Lamb**

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

## Collections for Good Causes that cost you (virtually) nothing

**Ray Walters** is collecting unwanted mobile **mobile telephones** in aid of Water Aid. Contact Ray is happy to help you dispose of any old phones 'mobiles' that are sitting in drawers or cupboards gathering dust.



**John Button** is collecting used **postage stamps** in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

Contact John to hand over your used stamps.



**Andy Lewis** has a good home for your used **printer ink cartridges** please (raising money for Rotary funds)

**Andy** will also take any **drinks can ring pulls** for jewellery making by Philippino families in poverty.



**Des Cunningham** is no longer collecting used spectacles for use overseas.

It appears that such collections are no longer sought, unless you know better.

**Do you collect items for a charity or good cause?  
If so, send the details to the Newsletter Editor Alan Forsdike  
and he'll advertise it here.**

# Wurmkloß Forever



*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*

*01.02.2022*

RC Bröckedde's Homepage was central to club life. At a recent meeting President Pröpke had referred to it as "our shop window", to which Friend Dr Krümelein responded rather tartly, "Yes, but a shop window displaying rather outdated goods".

In fact, the Club's Homepage really wasn't anything like up to date. The latest photo was taken at a function in 2018, with members enjoying themselves all crowded together, long before anyone had heard the term "social distancing" and when masks were for balls not de rigueur. "The good old days" sighed Pröpke, "but our Webmaster Friend Wurmkloß is a rule unto himself."

A retired headteacher, Friend Wurmkloß had edited the Homepage since it started and under the maxim of "Teutonic thoroughness before unseemly haste". His notes were always avidly read but took quite some time to appear, were often meagre with a tendency of being rather cutting as well. A photo of a donation being made was headed "The usual suspects" and a group photo of the Club carried a note that the gentleman second from the left was no longer a Rotarian but was not much of a loss to the Club. Reports on the Club's talks and presentations were seldom more than a couple words; "took place", for example.

Pröpke and Dr Krümelein set about persuading Friend Wurmkloß to relinquish his position as Webmaster. It was time for a generation change and young Friend Wasserlos was eminently qualified to takeover. Unfortunately, Friend Wurmkloß was deeply hurt and mobilised the old guard to come to his aid, claiming the Homepage reflected the Club's character. Pröpke feared an impending \*\*\*\*storm with the message "We want Wurmkloß" going viral, albeit in a very minor way.

A cunning plan was required to square this particular circle. Friend Wasserlos would design a new 5G website with all sorts of new gimmicks and links. In the meantime, Friend Wurmkloß agreed to submit rather more fulsome reports and certainly began doing so. The trouble was that cliché of an old dog and new tricks; Wurmkloß just couldn't resist a put down. He noted that a presentation on "Bröckedde's architecture as a pioneer of postmodernism" had probably been lifted straight out a recent copy of the "Die Zeit" weekly newspaper. Another talk on Shakespeare's Henry IV received a caustic quotation from the same play "As a candle, the better burnt out".

Whilst President Pröpke remained a great fan of the quiet life, even he felt enough was enough. At the next opportunity, he asked Friend Wasserlos for an update on the new website and whether there was a way of protecting the edit function against anyone with a date of birth before 1980.



# 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)*

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Trivia Quiz - Tuddenham Village Hall**  
**SPACES FOR TWO MORE TEAMS OF SIX (contact Judi Walters:**  
**[judiwalters95@gmail.com](mailto:judiwalters95@gmail.com)**

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

***There remain 2 tables - see note in red above.***

## Duty Rotarians

It was decided at our Business Meeting on 25th January to revamp the arrangements for organising Duty Rotarians at our meetings.

All club members, including those on Leave of Absence and Permanent Apologies, will be included in the list. The list will be prepared by our Newsletter Editor and will be published in the Newsletter so that adequate notice is given.

The meeting decided that it was appropriate that once a year, each club member should undertake the duty, or to make arrangements for a swap with another club member. Please inform the Newsletter Editor of any swaps that you have arranged.

It was also decided that in very exceptional circumstances, club members could be omitted from the list.

*If you are unable to be the Duty Rotarian for the week shown, please arrange your own swaps and notify the Hon Secretary and the Newsletter Editor.*

15th February- Ian Lord & Ross Lunney

22nd February - Steph Mackentyre & George McLellan

1st March - Peter Moss & Mark Murphy

8th March - Ed Nicholls & Bob Parker

15th March - Bill Pipe & Toby Pound

22nd March - Bill Robinson & Steve Runnacles

4th April - Peter Shepherd & Clifford Smith

11th April - Lucy Trenchard & Lewis Tyler

18th April - Ray Walters & Geoff Watson

25th April - Martin Westlake & Russell Wiles