

LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East Edition 08-2022: 3rd May 2022

Breakfast Meeting Tuesday 3rd May (no lunchtime meeting that day) 7am Costa Coffee, Futura Park

Club Lunchtime Meeting at 'Venue 16' Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 12.55pm Jeremy Doncaster - 'My Job' Talk

Duty Rotarians: Eva Alcerreca & Brian Annis

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



May
David Knights
Bill Izzard
John Clements
Catherine Forsdike
June
Dave Atkins
Norman Haines
Jeremy Doncaster
Graham Bickers
John Hutton

Celebrating a famous local lad

Our speaker on 19th April was Terry Hunt who is well known to many of our members mainly from his 21 years as Editor of the EADT.

During his time at the newspaper, he often sat and thought about his home town and the way it has deteriorated from the once vibrant town which attracted many, many visitors not only for the shopping and the football but for the many historical heritage sites within the town, Wolsey's Gate probably being the most well know of these.

This particular site is probably seen by more people than any other in Ipswich because of its location but, sadly sits is on an island between our one way system which divides the town from our very attractive waterfront.



Terry's main idea was to create the Cardinal Thomas Wolsey 'Wolsey 550' celebration which will start in May 2023 to coincide with the birth of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey in Ipswich, May 1473, 550 years ago. The plan, which he honestly thought would be a nonstarter would be to celebrate with 550 days of events around the town, ranging from coffee mornings to full blown concerts. The first of these events would take place at the Thomas Wolsey school in Ipswich by way of a school fete with other events planned aimed at all sectors of society. An application has been forward to the Heritage Lottery fund for support and, if this is successful, other adventures could be forthcoming.

Terry has formed a committee of which he is chair, with other well know business people, including our own Mark Murphy. The committee is currently waiting, with crossed fingers, for a favourably outcome.

Ray Walters

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President Jo was unable to be at the AGM last week having tested 'positive' for you-know-what. Here is her report...

My year as President hasn't been a particularly easy one, and far from 'normal' - not that I was expecting it to be anywhere near normal! After a lockdown Handover, it was clear that many members were disenchanted by Zoom, which had served its purpose for a time. Many members were keen to return to face to face meetings, to 'get back to normal' and to embrace the opportunity for fellowship and service once again.

The management team was tasked with the job of finding a format of meetings which was not only safe in light of the escalating infection rates at the time, but also one which would satisfy members' wishes. We were also faced with the problem of a lack of willingness by many members to commit in the long term to officer roles.

I think we have found a format of meetings that works well for now, but feel there is room for further improvement. Typically, lunches attract only a third to half of the membership at the moment - not much more than used to attend the Zooms. The challenge is to encourage more of the 'long term absentees' out of hiding and back into circulation.

I saw the Pandemic as an opportunity for change, to review and refine our activities, and to bring the Club into the 21st century. I admit to being frustrated by the resistance to change, and very quickly realised that people needed to feel 'safe' first before change could happen, and only then could the concept of change be introduced very gradually.

The most significant change which has happened is the introduction of the Booking App and revised payment system. Although still unpopular amongst some, I have to thank Steve for his extremely sensitive management of its implementation. I'm certain that there will come a time when we will wonder how we ever coped without it! I know for sure that both our Treasurer and our Attendance Officer are definitely welcoming the prospect of a much lighter workload as a consequence.

Steve has also set up the card reader, which has proved invaluable in our fundraising events, most notably in taking on the day registrations at the Orwell Challenge. Dave Atkins has worked tirelessly to organise our social events, many of which have sadly ended up being cancelled, sometimes due to restrictions but also through lack of support. Dave has persisted despite repeated disappointment and I commend him for his tenacity.

Our next main social event is the Club Assembly on 7th June. I sincerely hope that members will support this event and it will be able to proceed as planned. Please make every effort to attend, to support your incoming President and the longevity of the Club.

The Golf Day on the 18th May is almost to capacity with participants, and Chris Harrall will shortly be asking for help on the day. Please do your utmost to give a couple of hours to help-the event cannot run efficiently without your support. If you're not able to help on the day, then please support by donating a raffle prize.

I'd like to extend my immense gratitude to John Button and team for their continued hard work in preparing for the forthcoming Orwell Challenge. Once again, I plea for you all to help in any way that you can, especially on the day.

As a Club we have struggled to find a meaningful community service project to get our teeth into this year. Hopefully this will change during Steve's year, as we learn to live with Covid and feel more confident in extending our reach.

A handful of members have been giving their time towards helping with the Ipswich Furniture Project and the Pop-up Food Banks in a couple of local churches. A big thank you to all involved.

In closing, I would like to thank my management team for their unfailing support this year, and especially to Steve for being an excellent right-hand man. I would like to also thank you, the members, for your continued support, particularly after the EGM when I seriously thought my days as President were numbered. My special thanks go to our Secretary Tony. I'm so very grateful that he agreed to stay in post during my year, despite looking forward to finally handing over to Bill after 17 years in post. Tony - I really couldn't have done it without you!

I urge you to give President Elect Steve your full backing in his Presidential year, and to support the Club as a whole. Remember, if you don't use it, you'll lose it.

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Duty Rotarians

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.

As a reminder, when you receive your invitation-to-attend email, the information is repeated.

17th May - Alison Baldry & Chris Banham

24th May - John Barbour & Eric Barnett

7th June - Michelle Bevan-Margetts & Graham Bickers (evening meeting at I&SC)

14th June - John Button & David Chittick

21st June - John Clements & Stuart Cooper

28th June - Des Cunningham & Ewan Dodds

5th July - Jeremy Doncaster & Jack Earwaker

Remembrance of Things Pasta

She blew her fusilli, my pretty penne, when she found me watching daytime tagliatelle.

Je ne spaghetti rien, I responded in song, but she did not linguini for long,

just walked out without further retort: a hard lesson to be tortellini, orzo I thought.

And so here I am, on my macaroni, and now my days feel cannelloni.

Brian Bilston

What's On

17th May - TBA 24th May - TBA [Fifth Tuesday 31st May - TBA]

7th June (7.30pm!!) Club Assembly at The Ipswich & Suffolk Club

Lunch Menu

10th May - Marinated pork schnitzel topped with a creamy sauce

17th May - Trio of Suffolk sausages on a root vegetable mash topped with crispy onions

24th May - Fresh salmon infused with soya sauce & honey, served with a lime and coriander crab cake and an Asian slaw

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

Paying for events using WildApricot

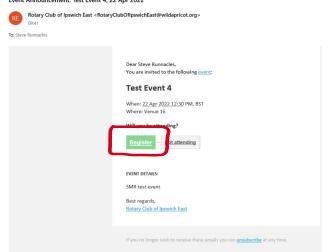
As members now know, the Club uses software which belongs to a Company called Wild Apricot. This software allows us to schedule meetings and send emails to all members that can be responded to by clicking on the email responses boxes.

The software has many more features and this instruction sheet sets out to show you how you can log on to your member section of the website and both register and pay for forthcoming events and lunches.

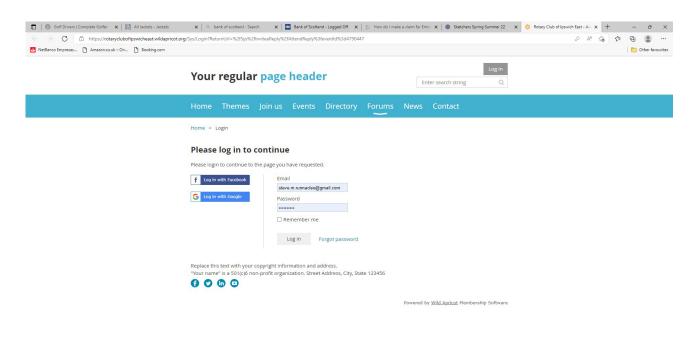
How do you log onto the website?

Using the email you received inviting you to the relevant event just click on the green button outlined in red as shown here:

Event Announcement: Test Event 4, 22 Apr 2022



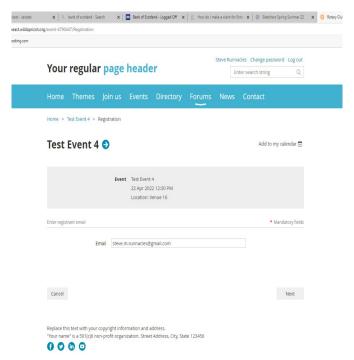
That will bring a screen which looks like this:



If you haven't logged in before just type your usual email address into the box marked "Email *" followed by a password into the box marked "Password*" - also make sure you click in the box that says "Remember me"

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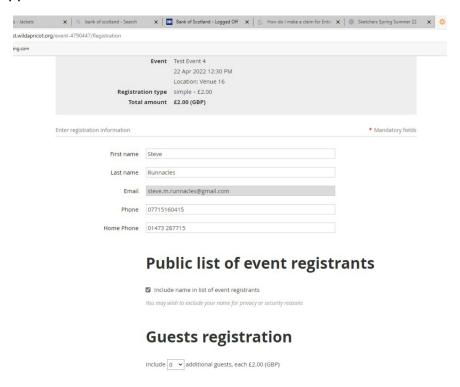
Once you've logged in, a screen will come up looking like the one below (but obviously showing the relevant event that you are logging into...)



If you want register, hit "Next". The screen that next appears will give you the option to add any guests that you may wish to bring.

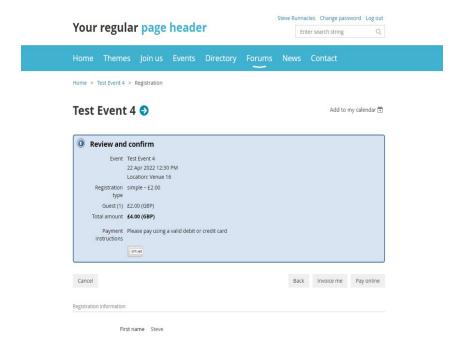
[Please remember that if you are bringing a potential member, you do not register a guest. Instead, email rcieattendance@gmail.com and inform the attendance officer who is coming as a potential member.]

The screen that appears looks like this:



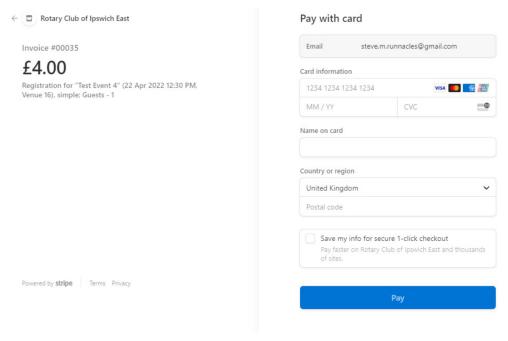
If you wish to bring a guest (not a potential new member) please add the relevant number of guest by clicking on the box under "Guests Registration".

When you are happy with this page click "Next" which will bring up the payment screen that looks like this...



If you added a guest(s), the total amount due will include their fee. If you are unhappy with this screen (ie the total amount due) then press "Back" to go to the previous screen and make the adjustment.

Once you are happy to carry on, lick the "Pay Online" button which will take you through to the payment screen which looks like this:

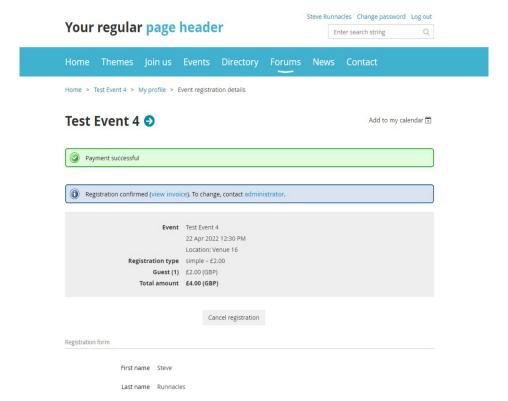


Check the amount due and fill in the card details requested which are:

- 1) Card Number
- 2) Card Expiry Date
- 3) CVC Number (the 3 digit security number on the signature strip on the back of the card)
- 4) The Name on the card
- 5) Postcode

[You can elect click the box to retain your card details - this a personal choice.] Click the Blue Box marked "Pay".

The process will then go through and you will see a screen like this:



You have then registered and paid for the event. Result!

How to cancel a registration for an event using the website

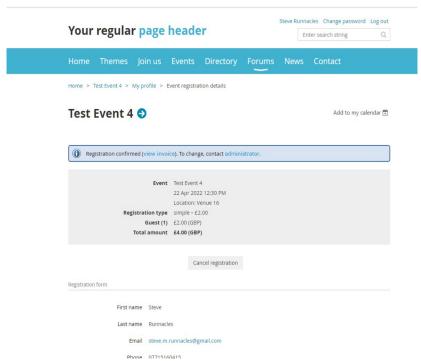
First log into the website as before, then click on the "Events" item in the Blue Bar towards the top of the screen.

The screen will look like this:

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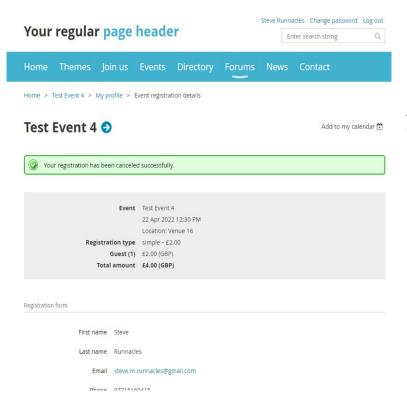
In this instance a registration for Test Event 4 will be cancelled.

Looking at the entries for the Event, you will see that it says "Already Registered" in light blue - Click on this link and the following screen will appear:



If this is the event you've registered for and you now wish to cancel, hit the "Cancel registration" link in grey.

You'll then see a screen that looks like this:



All that's left to do is to email the attendance office [rcieattendance@gmail.com] and ask him for a refund.

(it won't be immediate so don't panic!)

Please remember, if you get stuck or need help, contact:

Steve Runnacles: steve.m.runnacles@gmail.com

Alan Forsdike: <u>alan.forsdike@gmail.com</u>
Bill Izzard: <u>rcieattendance@gmail.com</u>

Ipswich East Rotary Club Annual Golf Day Ipswich Golf Club, Purdis Heath Wednesday18th 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.



Recent update from Chris Harrall:

- **TEAMS** We currently have 24 teams, so 4 slots still available. It would be good to have a full contingent. There are one or two Rotarians who usually enter a team who have not done so to date. I will chase these up, but could we have a gentle push next week.
- **RAFFLE PRIZES** This raised circa £1,100 last year, so is an important part of the fund-raising for the day. Can we remind everyone to bring along raffle prizes please. If you are not going to be there, raffle prizes can be handed to John Button, Jo Banthorpe or Tony Baker before the day.
- HELPERS ON THE DAY I will issue a schedule before next week with time slots. I hope we can fill all these.
- **SPONSORSHIP** We still have a number of holes that can be sponsored for £100.00 whether or not you enter a team. Steve Flory has kindly offered to sponsor a hole and this is open to any other Rotarian or business ventures who may be interested in promoting their company.

Yarnbombing in Aldeburgh

The knitted seagulls which have been decorating the Saxmundham Road Post Box in Aldeburgh

have been replaced with Morris dancing mice for the May Bank Holiday weekend and the box outside the Library has a May Pole dancers. There is another in Linden Road but I didn't have time to go there. It's nothing to do with Rotary but they are such fun and I had a corner to fill so I thought I would share the joy.





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.



Inner Wheel Club of Ipswich East

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



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PROGRAMME

(All subject to change)

Tuesday 3rd May 7:15pm - AGM and District Chairman's Visit - Hill House Ipswich

Wednesday 18th May - District International Rally

Tuesday 7th June 7:15pm - Speaker Meeting (tba)

Tuesday 21st June - District Committee Meeting and AGM - Brome Grange

Tuesday 5th July 7:15pm - Handover meeting - Prosecco and Strawberries

