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The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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Lunchtime Meeting
Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 12.55pm
Business Meeting

Duty Rotarians : Alan and Catherine Forsdike

CLUB OFFICERS 2022/23

President: Steve Runnacles

Sen V. President: George Woodward

Jun V President: Ewan Dodds

Immediate PP: Jo Banthorpe

Secretary: Bill Robinson

Treasurer: Neil Hewitt



July
Jo Banthorpe

August
Karen Finch
Colin Davies
Alan Forsdike
neil Hewitt
Toby Pound
George Woodward

Hon Dr Mark Murphy, MBE

Our speaker 19th July was fellow Rotarian Mark Murphy reliving his MBE investiture on 4th May 2022.

It was a total shock to have been nominated and he only found out when he returned home at lunchtime in November 2021. In his letterbox was a letter from the Cabinet Office....Mark's immediate thought was it could be a complaint from a disgruntled MP he may have interviewed! He was gobsmacked to have been nominated for an MBE, and invited to accept (why would you not do that?).

The process started over three and a half years earlier when Rev Lynda Sebbage, a listener from Sudbury and fellow Rotarian made the submission.

The process takes around two years however the pandemic no doubt extended the process. Unbeknown to Mark, Lesley had been having covert meetings with Lynda at 'The Angel' in Hadleigh; Bill Robinson had involvement too.

Having been invited to accept the MBE in November, Mark and Lesley had to keep silent until the New Year's Honours List was published at 10:30pm on New Year's Eve.

Fast forward to his big day Lesley and Mark stayed in London the night before to ensure nothing would prevent them being there on the big day. Investitures are usually conducted at Windsor Castle however Mark's was to be at Buckingham Palace. Donned in his morning suit from Coe's, Mark looked fantastic (and so did Lesley!) as they made their way to Buckingham Place walking through the main gates and into the rooms allocated for the 100 or so fellow award recipients. Standing behind Simon Mayo, an ex BBC Radio colleague, Mark waited to be called through to meet Prince William who was the Royal pinning the awards. Whilst a handshake from Prince William signifies your time with him is over, in Mark's eagerness he shook hands after having the medal pinned to his lapel, which prompted the response from Prince William 'not yet'!



Mark was very surprised to hear the Prince say 'I've been looking forward to meeting you'.....he had read from his briefing notes that Mark had led the "Don't be a Tosser" litter campaign and this was something William was very interested in.

Mark said it was a day he'll never forget (and the brilliant video he bought of his day as part of the Palace's excellent merchandising products will ensure he never does!)

The video was then played to the members and reinforced what an excellent day he had, Mark's only regret is that his parents are no longer here to view it. However I'm sure they are looking down and incredibly proud of their son, Dr Mark Murphy, MBE.

Andy Lewis

(Editor: what Mark may not know is that I was also involved... a long while ago, fellow 'Rev' Lynda contacted me to ask if I could surreptitiously find out from Lesley whether Mark would be likely to accept the honour if it was offered. I was appearing quite regularly on Lesley's Sunday morning breakfast show at the time and that was the ideal opportunity once we were off-air to make the enquiry. I was delighted Lesley said yes and quickly fed that back to Lynda who began the process. What fun!)



Presidential Handover

The chains were passed down the line at Sproughton Barn as new President Steve was invested by out-going President Jo and George Woodward became Senior Vice-President.

Jo made a presentation to out-going Hon Sec of many years Tony Baker. On the following pages we see prize-winners receiving their 'trophies' and many happy smiling faces. How great to be able to meet together once again after such a long break.

Photographer: Richard Porter





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LOOKING FORWARD

Every Rotary year in our Club starts off at a gallop and this year is no exception. It's been only 11 days since our handover meeting, and we have already had one Tuesday meeting and our annual BBQ at Woolverstone on 22nd July.

August will also be busy with a fifth Tuesday ramble in East Suffolk and our trip to Ipswich Mass for the resumption of exchange visit program.

I would like to first thank Jo for all her endeavours last year. The 2021/22 Rotary Year promised so much with our 50-year celebration and the return to some normality after Covid. The reality was a year blighted with Covid and the onset of the dreadful conflict in the Ukraine. Jo expertly steered us through that year and must be congratulated with the way she dealt with the lockdowns and the resulting frustration - well done Jo.

The handover evening at the Tithe Barn was a fitting way to end her year with gathering of over 50 of the Club members and partners. The evening really was a return to form with a clay pigeon shoot and an intriguing treasure hunt around Sproughton. Thanks must go to Allan Gosling for organising the shooting and to Dave Atkins and Lucinda Trenchard for setting a truly taxing treasure hunt.

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Our local Assistant District Governor, Lynda Dunleavy, also attended and addressed us, thanking us for our invitation and commenting on our progress over the previous year and our future plans. It was particularly pleasing to welcome our old friend Maureen Reynel from FIND, my nominated Charity for this Rotary Year.

The evening would not have been such a success without the efforts of Dave Atkins and his Club Service Team - it was great to see (a one armed) John Hutton back behind the bar again!

The handover was followed in short order by the BBQ at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club. The last minute Covid call offs and cooler evening did nothing to detract from the great time that was had by all present. The staff at the RHYC looked after us royally and we able to relax and enjoy our food in the marvellous setting at Woolverstone! Again, well done to Dave Atkins and his team for delivering a great night!

It is a great honour to be your President and we have some exciting events and projects happening during the next year. I look forward to seeing you all and ask for nothing more than your support to make this year - a good year.

President Steve

(Below Steve thanked the splendid caterers who celebrated with a hug!)





The sun goes down on the glorious setting of RHYC

The splendid club house built since we last held a meeting at the venue.

The late Duke of Edinburgh was patron.



Lunch Menu

26th July - Trio of Suffolk sausages on a root vegetable mash topped with crispy onions.

2nd August - Chunky beef lasagne served with garlic bread, topped with grated cheese and served with fresh salad

9th August - Minted lamb steak served with ratatouille, fat chips and a rocket and mozzarella salad

16th August - Fresh salmon infused with soya sauce & honey, served with a lime and coriander crab cake and an Asian slaw

23rd August - Beef and ale pie infused with root vegetables and herbs

30th August - (Fifth Tuesday)

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

What's On

Tuesday 26th July
Business Meeting

Tuesday 2nd August - TBA

Tuesday 9th August
Richie Ross (Ipswich Regent)

Tuesday 16th August
Rev Sally Letman
(My journey to be a parish priest)

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.

26th July - Alan Forsdike & Catherine Forsdike

2nd August - Roger Gilles & John Goodship

9th August - Allan Gosling & Norman Haines

23rd August - Liz Harsant & John Hutton

30th August - (Fifth Tuesday)

6th September -

13th September - Bill Izzard & David Knights

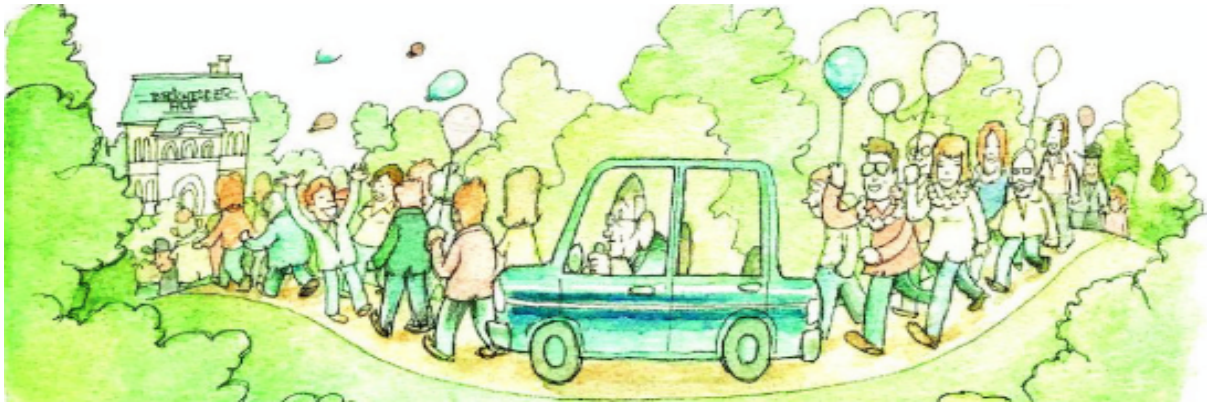
Tuesday 23rd August
Business Meeting
Tuesday 13th September
Glenn Williamson
Ipswich Round Table

Tuesday 20th September
Julia Hancock ('Selig' - Ipswich Hope into Action and Ipswich Winter Night Shelter)

Tues 11th October
Dave Vincent (St Clements Church to Arts Centre - TBC)

Tuesday 18th October
Paul Stansby (Ipswich Bleed Kits - TBC)

The Visit from Tallawitchita



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 1pm in the Salon Hindenburg.

Alexander Hoffmann

01.07.2022

RC Bröckedde's newest and youngest member, Friend Wurmnickel, was intrigued when he heard about the Club's well-heeled investment banker, Friend Münzinger, maintaining his excellent attendance record by going to the Wall Street Rotary Club whilst doing business in New York; something the older members would no doubt be regaled with (yet again) on his return.

"Do you have to pay extra membership fees?" Wurmnickel asked good old President Pröpke, "What do the New Yorkers think about it?"

"Of course not," replied the President, "everyone should visit other clubs, Rotary is a worldwide network."

Friend Wurmnickel really took this on board and made some discreet enquiries. It seemed, however, that the globetrotting banker was something of an exception. Most Club members seemed happy to stay within the county and very much within their comfort zones. "Why bother travelling, when it's so very pleasant here in the Bröckedder Hof?" said Friend Klüngelpütz in response.

Not so very long afterwards, the new member went on a business trip of his own to Tallawitchita in Kansas and duly called in on the local Rotary Club. "It was an amazing visit" he reported back to President Pröpke.

"How many members were there?" asked Pröpke.

"About 500," came the response.

"Rather different from our average of eight," sighed the President, "How many in the club?"

"I was told 2,517," A few months later Pröpke was making his way to the Bröckedder Hof for the Wednesday meeting and was surprised to find himself in a huge crowd. There were young people everywhere, all with Rotary badges, some playing music, many with balloons and a few even dancing. In their midst, President Pröpke spotted his youngest member, Friend Wurmnickel.

"RC Tallawitchita is on a European tour and decided to drop in," said Wurmnickel cheerfully.

"What, all 2,517?" asked the President.

"Since I was there, membership has increased to 3,322", replied Wurmnickel.

The weather was fine and the Bröckedder Hof gardens took on a real carnival look. Wurmnickel had been busy on his phone and every Bratwurst, kebab and beer stall the town could muster had made their way there. It was an extraordinary afternoon, a great success and President Pröpke even gave an excellent welcome speech in his very best US English. What a visit.

The following Wednesday, as Pröpke looked round the Salon Hindenburg at the normal attendance of less than a dozen, he sighed to himself, "A bit more of RC Tallawitchita would also do us all good."