



# LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East  
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**CLUB OFFICERS 2022/23**  
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February

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**Tuesday 7th February at 12.55pm**

## Rotary Lunch President Steve Runnacles : Four Club Centenary Update

*Duty Rotarians: Allan Gosling & Norman Haines*

### Past President's Dinner

Last Thursday Steve and Jo hosted what appears to have been a very jolly evening. A great opportunity to dress up and wear the Past President Medal.

I'm never sure if it's the dinner of the Immediate Past president (in which case "President's") or the dinner of all the past Presidents (in which case "Presidents")

Either way I was sorry to miss it. We should have been aboard a ship heading towards the Caribbean but instead we are nursing a badly broken bone at home.

*Editor Alan*







# What's On

## **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

*(Sadly, Deborah Watson Founder of Wednesday's Child - Supporting Eating Disorder Recovery is unable to attend so President Steve will update us on the Centenary Celebrations.)*

## **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**David Vincent**

*A big year for St Clement's Church, one of the treasures of Ipswich*

## **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

*Russell Osman - former professional footballer who played centre-back for ITFC*

## **7<sup>th</sup> March**

*Copleston Students – arranged by Andy Green and Toby Pound.*

## **14<sup>th</sup> March**

*Ipswich Mayor John Cook  
"My Year as Mayor"*

## **21<sup>st</sup> March**

*Sergeant Brian Calver, Suffolk Police talking about Rural Crime*

## **28<sup>th</sup> March**

**tba**

## **4<sup>th</sup> April**

**tba**

## **11<sup>th</sup> April**

**tba**

## **18<sup>th</sup> April**

**tba**

# 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.*

## **14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Liz Harsant & David Chittick**

## **21<sup>st</sup> February**

**David Knights & Andy Lewis**

## **28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Ian Lord & Ross Lunney**

## **7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Steph Mackentyre & George McLellan**

## **14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Peter Moss & Mark Murphy**

## **21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Ed Nichols & Bob Parker**

# Lunch Menu

## **7<sup>th</sup> February**

*Sausage and Mash with vegetables*

## **14<sup>th</sup> February**

*Pot Roasted Lamb, root vegetable and potato hot pot served with fresh bread*

## **21<sup>st</sup> February**

*Braised beef and vegetable cobbler served on a creamy mash*

## **28<sup>th</sup> February**

*Trio of Suffolk sausages on a root vegetable mash topped with crispy onions*

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



# The John Riches Race Night

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Ipswich Golf Club

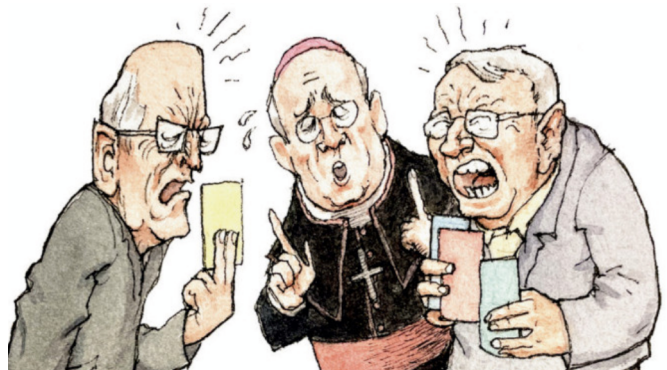
The cost of the evening is £25 per head including a meal to be served during the evening followed by tea/coffee, please let Ray Walters or John Button know if there are special requirements (eg. gluten free or vegetarian)

Numbers are limited so please book early. Drinks will be available to buy at the bar. The event is open to friends and family, please book early!



## The Peacemaker

At the Club's most recent committee meeting, President Pröpke turned his attention to Rotary's focus on "Conflict prevention and resolution" adding "If anyone needs it, then it's certainly RC Bröckedde". The Club's intellectual, and very well connected fellow committee member Dr Krümelein agreed and came up with a suggestion, "We need to nominate a Peace Commissioner and I know exactly the right person".



That person was Bishop Woppelhausen, a warm hearted Rotary friend with a national profile for resolving disputes. Only recently he had dominated local headlines in the fiery dispute over the refurbishment of Bröckedde's main railway station. In the end, the supporters and the opposition had left his discussions arm in arm.

However, the ever cynical Treasurer Knödel remained as sceptical as ever, "With us it's going to be difficult. We have our group of litigious disputants, then we have our more advanced quarrelsome challengers and worst of all, our team of Rotarian know-it-alls. They are all intelligent, well educated, gifted speakers but they all have overwhelming egos".

Bishop Woppelhausen politely accepted his appointment and was given a list of well-known troublemakers, who he invited to a service in Bröckedde's cathedral followed by a round table discussion. The bishop has made a second list of ongoing sticky issues. These included who was going to be Father Christmas at the next Christmas dinner; Friends Wüthrich and Donnerbaum were always in hot competition with each other. Also, the hotly contested issue of modernising the Club's banner; Friend Dünnesel was for blue, red and gold, while Friend Lobberich was holding out for blue, red and turquoise.

True to his reputation, the Bishop adjudicated with the wisdom of Solomon. Friend Wüthrich would act as Father Christmas this year assisted by Friend Donnerbaum with roles exchanged for the following Christmas. All agreed the new Club banner would be blue red and turquoise with extremely smart gold trim. Everyone seemed satisfied and the Bishop wrote up his minutes. However, when it came to signing, conflict broke out all over again. Who was going to sign first? This idiocy strained even the good Bishop's patience, who withdrew to his cloisters muttering, "What this Club needs is UN Peacekeepers with a really strong mandate, backed up by Leopard 2s".

*Illustrated by Marcus Schäfer. Translated by Colin Gordon, RC Uppingham*