



LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Ipswich East
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Tuesday 28th February at 12.55pm Rotary Business Meeting Lunch

Duty Rotarians: Ian Lord & Ross Lunney

Saint Clement's Church: A Treasure of Ipswich

Rotarian David Vincent is a Trustee of the Ipswich Historic Churches Trust. There are 5 historic churches in Ipswich maintained by the Trust, including St Clement's, named after the Patron Saint of Mariners. He was made a saint having been tied to an anchor and thrown into the sea. The church dates to the 14th and 15th Centuries. Specifically built to look after the spiritual life of mariners, the church was surrounded by shipyards, foundries and merchants trading in goods passing through the docks. The nearby Tolly Cobbold brewery even exported beer as far as India and China.



With the decline of the population living in the area, the church was made redundant in the 1970s. For a time, it was used to store props for the Wolsey theatre, until a fire destroyed part of the roof. When the Trust restored the roof and had the interior refurbished an exceptionally large space surrounded by objects like the beautifully carved font and King Charles 11 coat of arms was created. The floor has been made from marine timber, providing an excellent deck for parties and dancing. Musical events have been put in the diary and a beer festival is planned for the last week of July. Societies and clubs are also going to be using the space to hold events. A bellringing festival will make use of the six magnificent bells. Facilities will include toilets located at the base of the tower, showers and a green room for performers. With the development of the Waterfront, having a large and grand venue will be of great benefit to what is now a sophisticated community living on the doorstep of the church.



David would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in putting on an event at St Clement's. His email address is davidjvincent@gmail.com

Liz Harsant gave the vote of thanks and informed the club that David is also involved in the project to make the area from the Waterfront to the centre of town a greener place.

David Chittick

(Note from Editor Alan: My parents were married there in 1953: I was baptised in the church in 1955 and as a choir member of the church plant (St Luke's) I sometimes sang in the choir at St Clement's)

Another new member inducted

Robin Needham was
inducted by President Steve
at the meeting on 21st
February.

Liz Harsant was his sponsor.



The previous week,
16 members of
Ipswich East Inner
Wheel joined
Rotarians for lunch
at Venue 16

Here are some of those
who attended...





Speaker last week - Russell Osman

The report is still on it's way but hadn't been received before this newsletter was published.

Bury Abbey Rotary Club - Classic Car Show Sunday 16th July 2023

As the evenings draw out and summer gets ever nearer, we have once again turned our attention to our annual Classic Car Show. Last year we enlisted the help of over 80 volunteers from outside our own Club and, frankly, we couldn't have run the event without them. We are therefore looking again for help from Rotarians across the District and at the same time help with your own Club's fundraising.

We have run The Classic Car Show for eight years now, and since we moved to the new venue at Culford School, a few miles north of Bury St Edmunds, we have more than doubled the size of the Show. Last year we raised over £28,000 on the day.

The bigger venue means that we need more Marshals both to help park Exhibitors as they arrive in the early morning, and for Visitor Parking throughout the day. We split the day into three four hour shifts, roughly 6-10, 8-12, and 11-3, (actual timings to be confirmed). A volunteer rest and refreshment room is provided in the school.

We are offering to pay £50 per person per complete four hour shift to your Club Charity Account, the full day counting as 2 shifts (only for the hardy!)

If you feel able to help, we would like your Club to commit to a number of folks (members, their partners, friends) who can attend on the day, rather than asking for individuals to contact us. The commitment is important to enable us to plan carefully and offer a safe event for all concerned - and put some money in your fundraising coffers! We would therefore recommend you maintain a reserve list of volunteers to replace any last-minute drop-outs. Please note, there are no sitting-down jobs!

We look forward to hearing from you (by 14th April please) with your pledge to help and to seeing your Club colleagues and supporters on the day.

Incidentally, visitor tickets will go on sale around Easter, but our 500+ Exhibitor spaces are already sold out!

Phil Peters and The Team at The Classic Car Show

www.theclassiccarshow.org.uk <<http://www.theclassiccarshow.org.uk>>
<https://www.facebook.com/Rotaryclassiccarshow>

'John Riches' Race Night

Ipswich Golf Club
Friday 12th March
£25 per person
(includes meal)

For dietary requirements, please contact
Ray Walters or John button

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Ipswich East Rotary Golf Day

Purdis- Ipswich Golf Club

In aid of FIND - Families in Need

Thursday 11th May, 2023
£250 per team of 4
Bacon rolls on arrival and lunch

For further details please contact Chris Harrall
at Chrish@charrallassoc.com
Sponsorship of holes is available at £100

- Top 50 Course in the UK
- James Braid design
- 1895-1995 centenary



What's On

7th March

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

14th March

**Ipswich Mayor John Cook
“My Year as Mayor”**

21st March

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

28th March

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4th April

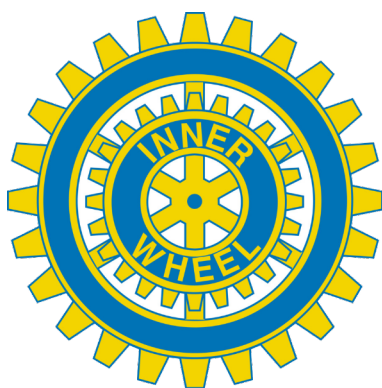
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11th April

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18th April

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**The recent Inner Wheel
Quiz at Tuddenham
Village Hall realised a
profit of £800 which will
be donated to 4YP**

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.*

28th February

Ian Lord & Ross Lunney

7th March

**Steph Mackentyre & George
McLellan**

14th March

Peter Moss & Mark Murphy

21st March

Ed Nichols & Bob Parker

Lunch Menu

21st February

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

28th 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’.*