

LOOKS EAST

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Ipswich East | 2023-24, Edition 7: 23rd October 2023

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday 23th of October at 12:55pm

Business meeting

Menu: Traditional fish pie with salmon, cod & prawns in a creamy white wine sauce, served with green vegetables

D.R.: Bill Pipe & Ross Lunney

Tuesday 7th of November at 12:55pm

Speaker meeting: TBC

Menu: Roast topside of beef, served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

D.R.: Toby Pound & Mick Rudkin

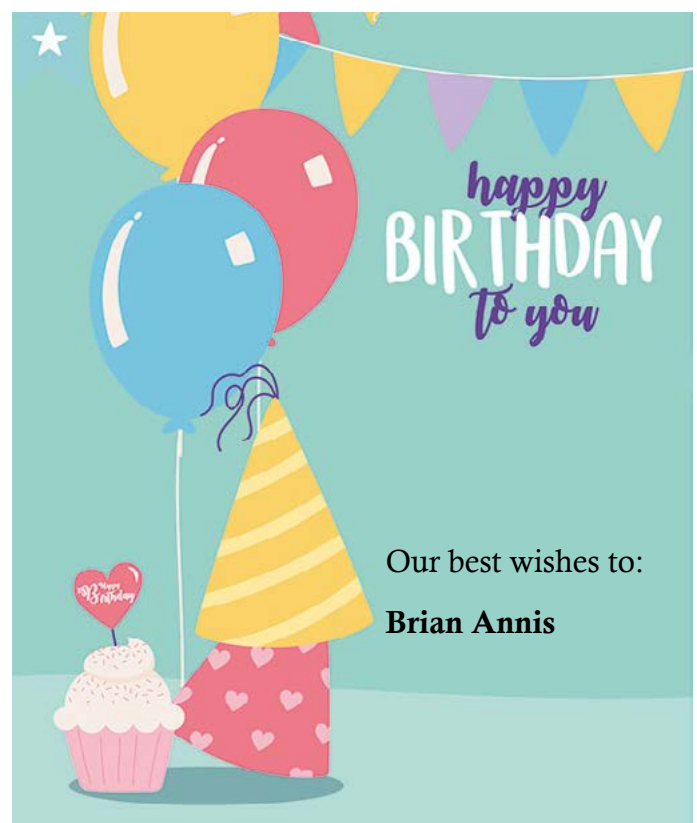
Venue 16, Tuddenham Road

CLUB OFFICERS 2023-24

<i>President</i>	George Woodward
<i>Sen vice-president</i>	Ewan Dodds
<i>Junior vice-president</i>	Steve Flory
<i>Immediate past-president</i>	Steve Runnacles
<i>Secretary</i>	Bill Robinson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Neil Hewitt
<i>Club service</i>	Lucy Trenchard
<i>Community service</i>	Andy Lewis
<i>Foundation</i>	Bob Parker
<i>International</i>	Mark Murphy
<i>Vocational</i>	Toby Pound
<i>Fund raising</i>	Ray Walters

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RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

John Griffiths - Ipswich Transport Museum: Trolleybus and tram restoration

By Lewis Tyler

When we visit any of the myriad of Museums around the world, how often do we think how the various exhibits got to be on show and their past history? I would suggest – not very often! That was until today [10th October], when John Griffiths guided us through a number of the past transport vehicles which used to be part of Ipswich Corporation.

We started with a picture of trolleybuses in Tower Ramparts in the 1960's, but quickly were shown trolleybuses and trams at Cornhill in the 1920's. Before 1904, Ipswich had horse trams, but none have survived to this day – however, remains of a Cambridge horse tram were found in Ely and we were taken through the various tasks necessary in renovating it over the ten years from 2012 – 2022.

An early single-decker trolleybus was found at Flatford Mill, being used as a café and this has been beautifully restored; an Ipswich electric tram was found at Flowton being used as an apple-store – also completely restored.

The current project is Ipswich trolleybus 44, which was delivered to Ipswich Corporation by Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies in 1930 – taken out of service in 1953 and subsequently kept at the Clapham



Transport Museum, then Carlton Colville, then back to Ransomes, then to the Science Museum Store and finally back to the Ipswich Transport Museum in 2022. Much work has been carried out, but John recounted a very long list of remaining things to do.

Geoff Watson, in his Vote of Thanks, expressed a view which I think was in most of our thoughts: it is time that the Club made a return visit to the Ipswich Transport Museum – it's been probably twenty-five years since the last time we journeyed to Cobham Road. A possible Fifth Tuesday?





Before and after of a restoration project undertaken by the Ipswich Transport Museum



ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Tuesday

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

Ghostly tour of Ipswich - a special talk from guide Martin Tuffs
Bread and cheese - cheeses supplied by Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses

31st October
Playford Village Hall
6:30 - 9:30 pm

£9.00 per person / book via Wild Apricot

Carved pumpkin competition
(bring your pumpkin already carved!)

Halloween dress optional (but encouraged!)
BYOB

ROLLING CALENDAR

Date	Event
24th October	Business meeting
31st October	<p>Fifth Tuesday: Halloween Special</p> <p>Ghostly tour of Ipswich (talk), bread and cheese, carved pumpkin competition, Halloween dress optional but encouraged. BYOB.</p> <p>Playford Village Hall, 6:30pm. £9.00 per person, information and booking via Wild Apricot.</p>
7th November	Speaker meeting: TBC

Date	Event
14th November	Speaker meeting: TBC
21st November	Speaker meeting: TBC
28th November	Business meeting
7th December	<p>Rock 'n Roll Panto at the Wolsey Theatre - Dick Whittington and his Cat</p> <p>Registration now closed.</p>

DUTY ROTARIANS AND LUNCH MENU

Date	Duty Rotarians	Menu*
24th October	<p>Bill Pipe</p> <p>Ross Lunney</p>	Traditional fish pie with salmon, cod & prawns in a creamy white wine sauce, served with green vegetables
7th November	<p>Toby Pound</p> <p>Mick Rudkin</p>	Roast topside of beef, served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables
14th November	<p>Steve Runnacles</p> <p>Peter Shepherd</p>	Shepherd's Pie topped with cheesy mash, served with a selection of vegetables
21st November	<p>Lucy Trenchard</p> <p>Lewis Tyler</p>	Breaded cod fillet, served with chunky chips and a drizzled pea puree
28th November	<p>Ray Walters</p> <p>Martin Westlake</p>	Chicken and mushroom pie, served with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables

If you're unable to be a duty Rotarian, remember it is your responsibility to look for a replacement, and please notify our Secretary Bill as well as Lucy Trenchard of any changes.

*Vegetarian option available upon request, please contact Lucy Trenchard at lucinda.trenchard@gmail.com

UPCOMING PROJECTS UPDATES

We have a few projects and activities coming up, and volunteers are welcome. Please contact the relevant club member and join in!

- **Survivors in Transition office refresh** - date to be confirmed, contact Andy Lewis.

- **Top-up shops** - this is an ongoing activity and

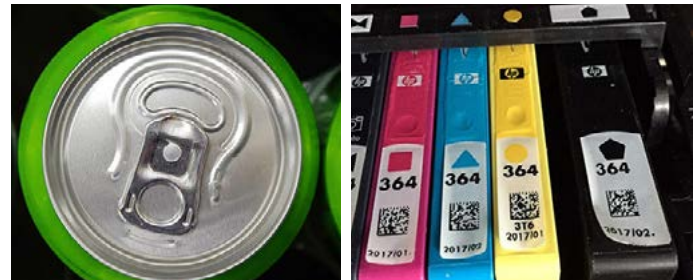
people involved should already be in the loop of what's happening. If you want to take part, contact Andy Lewis.

- **Rotary literacy project at Stoke High School** - contact Toby Pound for more information.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Remember we have an ongoing collection of ring pulls, as well as ink cartridges, which you can give to **Andy Lewis**.

The ring pulls are sent to the Philippines so that people there can make crafts to be sold, which helps them support their families.



John Button is still collecting postage stamps (they can be used ones), so if you're lucky enough to still receive any post with those, keep them and make sure to give them to him.

It doesn't cost us anything to gather these items, so let's get into the habit (and tell friends and family)!

MISCELLANEOUS

Stay Connected

In this age of technology, we have no excuses to not stay in touch, so if you're a smartphone user and are, for some reason, not aware of the Club's WhatsApp groups, this message is for you.



We have two WhatsApp groups: one is called 'Keep smiling Ipswich East,' where we share light-hearted comments and jokes, and is used for general chit-chat. The other group is called 'I E Rotary Rapid Response,' which is intended to be used to organise logistics for activities, get in touch in case of emergencies, or when a request is made that requires a quick response (hence the name).

If you're interested in joining either group, or both, please get in touch with Lucy Trenchard, Alan Forsdike, or Eva Alcerreca, who can sort that out for you.

Annual Snooker Match: Rotary Ipswich East vs. Ipswich and Suffolk Club

By Peter Shepherd

The Annual snooker match against the Ipswich & Suffolk Club was played for again on the evening of the 12th October. I trawled the membership for players for the night and, despite there being a lot of players who were unable to play and others who advised that they cannot hold a cue, I did assemble a team for the match. Please note - If there are any that I have not contacted over the last couple of years and who can play, please let me know, as I have put together a list for contact next year. This

will also mean that I will not trouble those that cannot play going forward.

The team consisted of 5 Rotarians – myself, George Woodward, Steve Flory, David Knights and Ray Walters – Mark Lewis “subbed” for Andy Lewis, and I had 2 ringers in Ed Potter & Jerry Howard. As they are ex-Greyfriars Roundtable, I felt that this was a close fit.

The good news is that we were all square after the first match of two frames, only 10 points down at half time, 22 down with one match to play. Unfortunately, we lost fairly comfortably in the end. However, if it was a down to matches instead of points, the score was a very creditable 4-4 draw!

Many thanks to my team, who thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and we look forward to doing battle again next year.

— Peter Shepherd (I&S Club Snooker Captain but defected on the night!)



AROUND IPSWICH

Wolsey RC Charity Meal

By Eddie King

On Sunday 19th November 2023, the Rotary Club of Ipswich wolsey will be hosting our next charity meal at the Maharani Restaurant (46 Norwich Road, Ipswich IP1 2NJ).

The proceeds of the evening will be forwarded to the Club's Charity Trust Fund for distribution to local worthy causes, including our President's project, FIND - Families in Need.

The cost per person is £24.00. There will also be

a raffle.

Should you require information about the menu or anything else, please contact me on 07860866587 or email me at eddiegking@btinternet.com



PETS!



On 12th October, Ross Lunney sent this: "This is a picture taken today of my daughter Emma's 6-month-old Australian Cattle Dog/Red Heeler "Noosa" (named after the Australian beach), "helping" Geoff Watson, who was in the office this morning. He was a little surprised when she actually jumped onto his desk!"



"P.S. She went back the same way that she came, having peed on Geoff's desk... he left straight after that!"



And that's it for today!

Just the usual reminder: to send photos, news, articles, stories, announcements, or any material (yes, even jokes) for publication in the newsletter, please address them to:

iercnewsletter@gmail.com

The deadline to receive items for publication will be the Friday prior to the next issue (so for the next issue, that will be 20th October).

Needless to say, I would be very grateful if members kept the deadline in mind for a timely publication of materials.

STAY PAWsiTIVE!



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