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The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Ipswich East - D1080 | 2025-26, Edition 4: 18th August 2025

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday 19th August at 12:55pm
Speaker meeting: Julie Johnson - History of Ipswich
Menu: Lasagne, chips and salad
D.R.: Elizabeth Hughes & Ray Walters

Tuesday 26th August at 12:55pm
Business meeting
Menu: Chicken chasseur
D.R.: TBC

Tuesday 2nd September at 12:55pm
Speaker meeting: Eva Alcerreca - Utrech trip project with Twin Club
Menu: TBC
D.R.: Roger Giles & Peter Shepherd

Ipswich Bowls Club

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Penny Tuttle - An Unusual Career

By Alan Forsdike

When she left school, her father refused to let her join the Women's Naval Reserve so she found work in the Civil Service until reaching the magic age of 21 in 1964, when she tried again. Undergoing skills tests, she was discovered to have very fast typing skills and creamed off to go into Naval communications with signs, cyphers and code. Trained up, Penny found herself sending encrypted messages to the Naval Fleet around the world, including weekly football scores!

As time went on, Penny was promoted with the service and found herself sent off to Portsmouth to join Naval Shipping Control as a Boarding Officer. Contrary to what we might have guessed that entailed, it was nothing to do with ensuring accommodation was provided. Her job was to board ships to see if they were suitable to join a Naval Convoy.

She wasn't always well received by the captains of these craft - they suspected she was from HM Customs and Excise, but acquiesced when she explained that if suitable, the ship could be commandeered for Naval use. Her role took her up and down the east coast of the UK.

Penny related tales of the unusual ships she had to board, describing a huge Italian liquid gas tanker which was permanently covered in frost no matter where it was in the world. Another massive tanker had to be inspected outside at port in Gibraltar. She couldn't walk to it, so Penny borrowed the Admiral's Barge and once alongside had to climb a long vertical ladder up the side with her briefcase slung over one shoulder and her radio on the other (she can't swim!). The consolation was that the white ensign was raised to replace the blue ensign when she boarded an official ship.

Needless to say, those 26 years in the reserves produced a fund of stories and sent her to all sorts of places to do her work. One such tale was of being sent to Portugal by aeroplane. On the 'plane were four other gentlemen, obviously in the senior service, carrying 'unusual luggage'. Penny explained that



President Steve and Penny Tuttle

baggage turned out to be a half-stone of 'Winalot' dog biscuits per person. Unfortunately, she forgot to explain the significance of such a load! On another occasion, her task was to canvass opinion from ship operators and owners if, should the need arise, they would be willing to take part in another little ship rescue as happened from Dunkirk towards the end of WWII. The owner of one bright yellow tub agreed on condition he was issued with camouflage paint. Another chap who turned out to be German was also willing and said he had done it before having taken part in a rescue of Germans off the coast of Italy.

In the photograph you can see the medal she received from Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II after 15 years of service. The bar at the top was added after another 10 years.

Penny brought up a family while she was working. Her children were mostly accepting that Mum disappeared twice a year for two weeks to take part in an exercise - she was never able to divulge the reason for the exercise, but this puzzled her youngest daughter, who had just started school: Penny returned home tired after one such posting and her daughter remarked that she wasn't at all surprised Mum was tired because 2 weeks was a long time to do P.E. everyday!

Catherine Forsdike gave a vote of thanks to Penny for her interesting and amusing talk.

Over-90s Annual River Cruise

By Bob Parker

This is a photo of some of our very senior over 90's Rotarians (though not me, in the centre, as I have another 9 years to wait!) enjoying the annual river Orwell cruise last Sunday the 10th of August as my guests aboard Moon Boom in brilliant weather, enjoying lunch at anchor by Pin Mill.

This event is now in its 4th year, and it never ceases to amaze me the stamina that they have. A really good advert for the fellowship and camaraderie that Rotary can provide.



Jack Earwaker, Judith, Bob Parker, Zena and Lewis Tyler enjoying their annual river cruise

Message from Roger Burke, from our twin Club in Ipswich, Mass (via Lewis Tyler):

I was driving, hauling a trailer from Portland back to Islesboro, when I went off the road into a tree at 55 mph! My truck protected me beautifully, only a cracked sternum and a sore back! In the meantime, I am back in Camden for a few weeks being looked after. I hope no long term consequences!

I'll keep you abreast of my progress. My pride is probably the most damaged thing...

AROUND IPSWICH

Upcoming event: RC Ipswich Wolsey - Europa Clipper Talk

The Rotary club of Ipswich Wolsey is proud to announce and welcome you to the third in a series of space-related talks. The subject will be the mission of the Europa Clipper and its search for the building blocks of life on Europa, a moon of Jupiter.

Our speakers, both eminent in their respective fields are: Professor Carly Howett of Oxford University and Jon Pineau of Stellar Solutions. Both have worked on a number of previous space missions, and Carly frequently appears on television and radio.

The aim of this talk, as previously, is to present information in an understandable and visual format and in that aim we are greatly assisted by the use of Suffolk One and their main lecture theatre.

The talk will be given at 2:30pm on Saturday 6th September 2025 and there is free parking at the venue, which is Suffolk One, Scrivener Drive, Ipswich IP8 5SU. Doors open at 2:15pm.

This is a ticket-only event with tickets at £15 each being available from Ticket Tailor on the following link: <https://buytickets.at/europaclipper/1734338>

The proceeds of this event will go to charity, as the Rotary club of Ipswich Wolsey is proud to support community activities and local charities.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

The Ipswich Rotary Club is collecting spectacles, which get forwarded to SpecSort York. After sorting and grading them, they're taken to Africa. Please contact Peter Rogers at: peterrogers327515@gmail.com.



DUTY ROTARIANS AND LUNCH MENU

Date	Duty Rotarians	Menu*
19th August	Elizabeth Hughes Ray Walters	Lasagne, chips and salad
26th August	TBC	Chicken Chasseur
2nd September	Roger Gilles Peter Shepherd	TBC
9th September	John Goodship Allan Gosling	TBC
16th September	Norman Haines John Hutton	TBC

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

*Dietary requirements/Vegetarian option available upon request, please contact Steph Mackentyre at info@inviewpublicity.co.uk



Rotary

Rotary Club of Felixstowe

Charity Golf Day

Friday 29th August 2025

18 Hole Stableford Competition

Handicap limits: Gentlemen 24 and Ladies 36

Entry Fee per Team of Four £300

Sponsorship - £30 per hole playing teams

£50 per Hole nonplaying Sponsors

— Prizes —

Best individual Stableford points 1st 2nd 3rd

Best Team's Stableford points - 3 out of 4 on each hole to count

Longest drive on 2nd - Nearest the pin on 12th

Fee includes Coffee and Bacon Baps on arrival

plus a Fish & Chip Supper on completion



A Voyage of Discovery: Europa Clipper's Search For Life

*A talk by Professor Carly Howett (Oxford)
and Jon Pineau (Stellar Solutions).*

- **Saturday 6th September
2025 at 2.30pm**
- **Suffolk One, Scrivener Drive,
Ipswich IP8 5SU**
- *Free Parking*

Tickets £15



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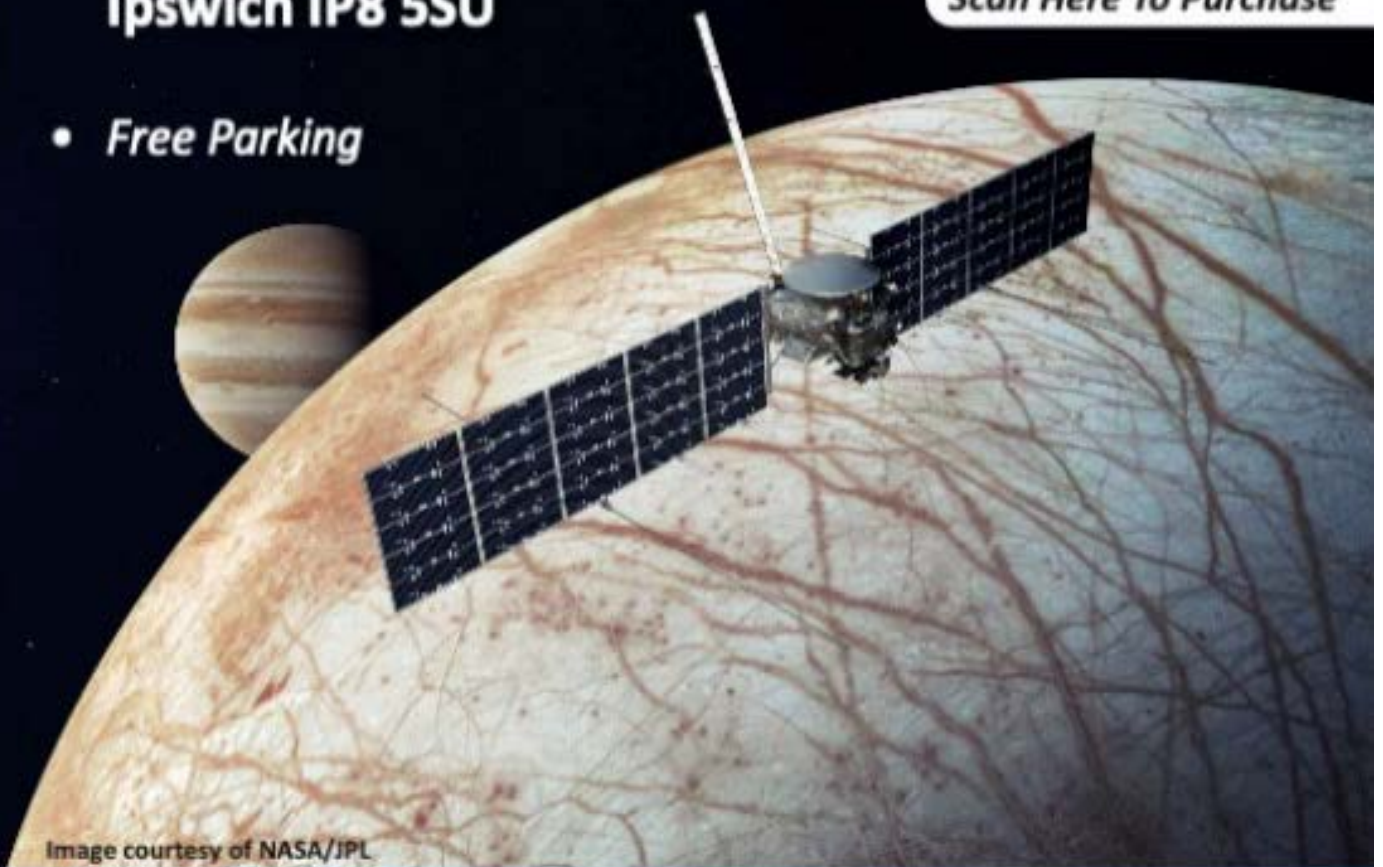


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**All net proceeds will benefit local charities
of the Rotary club of Ipswich Wolsey**

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BUSINESS LEADERS LUNCH FOUNDERS



Got some apples?

Eva, her husband Matt and a good friend of theirs make their own cider every year, and are looking for windfalls or spare apples of any kind, so if you have any, please let her know!



Croquet Evening

A leisurely game of croquet for everyone!

29th August

5:30 for 6:00pm

Croquet Club on Bucklesham Road

Flat soles must be worn.

Registration via Wild Apricot

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Club of Ipswich East

UPCOMING PROJECTS UPDATES

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

- **Cancer Support Suffolk Classic Car Show** - Monday 25th August 2025. Following the success of last year, your help is needed once again. If you can spare some time from 8:00am to midday or from 11:30am to 4:00pm please contact Pippa Graham email: volunteermanager@cancersupportsuffolk.co.uk or call on 01473 211884.

- **One Big Multicultural Festival** - BSC Multicultural Services are looking for volunteers to help with their annual festival on Sunday 31st August in Alexandra Park, Ipswich. Volunteers are needed to help to marshall the stand-holders when they arrive. There will be no need to lift anything or put up marquees as that will have all been done the day before by IBC. The volunteers are needed from 8:30am - 11:30am (2 hours only) and are welcome to stay for the afternoon. Refreshments will be provided for them along with a high vis jacket for the morning. Please contact Andy Lewis if you can help.

- **Rotary night at the Proms (Senior Citizens**

Concert) - The concert will take place as usual at Copleston School, on the 24th of September. Planning is underway, volunteers are needed to help with transportation, refreshments and raffle. Please contact Andy Lewis if you can help.

- **East Anglian Air Ambulance Open Day** - 21st September, Thetford. Volunteers needed, two shifts available: 7:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Please contact Andy Lewis if you can help.

- **Greener Ipswich** has created a series of planters in Ipswich TC which need watering. The plan is to get rehabilitated prisoners to do this work in the longer term. Help is needed to drive a van with a tank of water in the back around the town to do the watering. Please contact Andy Lewis if you can help.

- **FareShare** - are in need of van drivers and stores people 2 hours per week or per month. Please contact Andy Lewis if you can help.

- **Community Action Suffolk** are looking for volunteers and to come to our Club to talk about the work they do. Please contact Andy Lewis if you can help.

WHERE HAVE ROTARIANS BEEN?



Bill and Marlene's Benji spent his first birthday (last 30th July) visiting his friend Richard Porter at Alice Grange.



Mark and Lesley spent some time with Kirsten and Wode from Bad Salzuflen RC in Usedom on the Baltic coast!



Eva and Matt made the most of a sunny, warm Sunday last weekend to go see Audley End House and Gardens.

Well worth a visit!



Welcome all again! Today, we have the profiles of two members: Allan Gosling and Tony Baker, so enjoy!

- Editor Eva

Allan Gosling: In Profile

Name: Allan Gosling.

Where are you from?

I was born in Ipswich a long time ago, one of four boys.

Occupation (current or previous if retired):

After being self-employed all my life, I am now very happily retired and thankful for the extended family of Rotary.

Member of Rotary since:

I joined Ipswich East Rotary in 1983. Tony Dodds was President and we ate each week in the Town Hall in Ipswich. My Brother Ron, who I worked with, joined the Ipswich Rotary Club.

Do you currently hold a position within the Club? If so, what is it?

No.

Tell us a bit about your personal life:

In a game of hockey, when aged 11, I lost my left eye. I enjoyed boy scouting and went in 1957 with the Suffolk contingent to a World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield. My great Grandfather was V.A. Marriott, a good Ipswich builder.

My partner Joy is the widow of the late Keith Harris, one of Ipswich East founder members.

A bit about your career or occupation:

My Grandfather W G Gosling started a business for sale and repair of bicycles in 1925, and it progressed to a garage, which was on the busy London Road going out of town, now a Sainsbury's garage.

In the garage, the family started a small precision engineering business, and over the years acquired E R & F Turner Ltd (formed in Ipswich in 1837), Miracle Mills Ltd and Christy Hunt Ltd,

all manufacturing flaking mills for the breakfast industry and size reduction machinery. We usually exported about 40% to all parts of the world, including China. In the heyday we employed about 70 people.

14. What is the thing you are most proud of?

I am proud that my son, who was nearly 2 years old when his mother, aged 28, died of Leukaemia, went on to get a degree at Manchester University.

After my wife's death, I sent a donation in her memory to Leukaemia Research in London, and they asked if I would start a branch in Ipswich. This was 54 years ago and to date in Ipswich we have raised just over £600,000, and I am still well enough to be the Ipswich Chairman.



Tony Baker: In Profile

Name: Anthony Baker (known as Tony).

Where are you from?

I grew up in London living in a flat above a fire station where my father was a senior officer. In 1961 he transferred to Kent and we lived in Rainham on the edge of the Medway Towns. With father and uncle both in the fire service, it was perhaps inevitable that I would follow in their footsteps.

Occupation (current or previous if retired):

I was in the Fire Service, now retired.

Member of Rotary since:

1993. I was president of the club in 2000 and Club Secretary for a total of 17 years, probably for too long. I now have very limited hearing ability. I have no hearing in my right ear and about 25% capability in my left ear. I do not hear if two people speak at the same time, or if there is any background noise, or if there is something I do not wish to hear. I do rely on speakers at club meetings on holding the microphone to their chins to hear them speak. Therefore, my ability to contribute to meetings in noisy situations is greatly impaired.

Do you currently hold a position within the Club? If so, what is it?

No.

Tell us a bit about your personal life:

I met Liz at an 18+ club in Rochester. 18+ was very similar to Rotary in that the club members organised speaker meetings, business meetings and social events. We married in 1968.

Liz and I will have been married for 57 years in October and we have two sons and four granddaughters. When I retired, we considered where to live. Return to one of the many places that we had previously lived, or to stay here in Ipswich? We have never regretted staying here. We take great delight in our home, our surroundings and watching our family grow and develop.

What was your first job?

Aged 16, an opportunity arose to join the Kent Fire Brigade as a cadet. I grabbed it and started two years of training, working in all departments of the Brigade. Most of the training was on a residential basis and included periods on fire stations, fire control and the fire boat as well as attending Maidstone College, a driving course and a month on an Outward Bound Course in Devon. Aged 18, I was posted to Chatham as a fireman. Chatham was the busiest station in the county with frequent large fires in Chatham Dockyard. I qualified as a Breathing Apparatus Instructor and trained many of the part-time firemen in the surrounding stations where they had been issued with breathing apparatus for the first time. My ethos was that it was necessary to singe the ears of each trainee at least once to provide effective training so that they would be prepared for the incidents they would face.

A bit about your career or occupation:

I moved around the county on various promotions and then became the Station Officer at Maidstone. An opportunity came my way to move to the West Midlands, first as the Recruitment Officer, then the Communications Officer and finally as a supervisory officer for central Birmingham. The central division was always busy with an average of two large incidents each day.

There was a reorganisation in Kent and I returned as a Deputy Divisional Commander followed by promotion to Divisional Commander. As a result of a further reorganisation, I became a Senior Divisional Commander controlling a new structure of 25 stations across five boroughs in the south of the county. My last job in Kent was as the Assistant Chief in charge of operational matters. I attended a number of incidents as construction began in the Channel Tunnel and I commenced the planning of the fire fighting facilities for when the tunnels were operational.

In 1988 I moved to Buckinghamshire as the Deputy Chief. In my first week, I was called to an incident in Strike Command in a nuclear bunker below the Chilton Hills and allowed Dickens and Jones to burn to the ground in Milton Keynes. Then in 1991, I came to Suffolk as the Chief Fire Officer, where I first met Alan Forsdike. John Whyman asked me speak to a Rotary Club in Lowestoft, then invited me to attend Ipswich East, which I joined in 1993.

On retirement from the fire service I continued as a magistrate and completed some 24 years, acting as a mentor, appraiser and bench chairman in adult and youth courts. I became a member of the Lord Chancellor's Subcommittee for Suffolk and, with Bill Pipe, we dealt with any disciplinary matters concerning magistrates and the recruitment, interviewing and appointment of new magistrates. As an adjunct of the magistracy, I was appointed as a member of the Suffolk Police Authority. I also continued with my involvement with Victim Support working with Henry Lunney, Monica Pipe and Ian Lord as chairman of Ipswich, then director of Victim Support Suffolk.

I became involved with Orwell Mencap Genesis because of a shared background with the founder. I assisted with its development and then the running of the workshop that makes garden furniture, and worked with John Goodship and Marlene Robinson

on the management committee. An opportunity arose to become a Non Executive Director of the East Anglia Ambulance Service, which continued for some eight years, and I became a mentor to a number of senior officers.



Official opening of Orwell Mencap Genesis in 1999, with HRH Princess Anne in attendance

Favourite tipple? Now, it is 0% Guinness.

Radio or TV? My favourite TV shows are House of Games and Fake or Fortune.

What kind of music do you like?

My favourite music is from Ralph Vaughan Williams. And as an extra, my favourite poet is E E Cummings.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy gardening, reading, snooker and bowling and a fast and energetic game of Bridge. In recent times we have found Rotary and Inner Wheel to be mainstays of our lives.

What is the thing you are most proud of?

I take pride in my marriage to Liz and the development of our family.

If you could travel back in time, what piece of advice would you give to 20-year-old you?

The advice that was given to me by my father when I was a teenager was to remember that “What goes around, comes around”. I sometimes forgot his words.



Keep an eye out for the In Profile questionnaire, as I will pester you all in turn!

-Editor

ROLLING CALENDAR

Date	Event
19th August	Speaker meeting: Julie Johnson - History of Ipswich. Details and registration via Wild Apricot.
24th August	Cancer Support Suffolk Classic Car Show - more information on page 9.
29th August	Club Croquet evening. Details and registration via Wild Apricot.
29th August	RC Felixstowe Charity Golf Day - more information on page 5.
31st August	One Big Multicultural Festival - BSC Multicultural Services are looking for volunteers. More information on page 9.
2nd September	Speaker meeting: Eva Alcerreca - Utrecht trip project with Bad Salzuflen twin Club. Details and registration via Wild Apricot.
6th September	Ipswich Wolsey RC organises the talk "A Voyage of Discovery" . More information on page 6.
9th September	Speaker meeting: Mel Godefroy - St John Ambulance. Details and registration via Wild Apricot.

Date	Event
16th September	District Golf Day - Ely Golf Course. Contact Des Cunningham if interested.
19th - 21st September	Visit from German Twin Club of Bad Salzuflen. More details to follow.
19th September	German visit: Welcome evening at The Alex in Felixstowe. Details and registration via Wild Apricot.
21st September	East Anglian Air Ambulance Open Day. Please check page 9 for more information.
24th September	Rotary Night at the Proms (Senior Citizens Concert). Copleston School. Volunteers needed, please check page 9.
30th September	Fifth Tuesday - Pub night at The Woolpack. No registration needed, just show up!
19th November	Bury St Edmunds RC Black Tie Dinner. See page 8 for more information.
11th December	Rock 'n' Roll Panto - Beauty and the Beast. More details to follow.

At a glance: If you want to get an idea of what we have going on when, make sure to check out the calendar page on our website: <https://www.ipswichestrotaryclub.co.uk/calendar/>

You will be able to see what kind of events we have coming up, and you can also check against that when organising activities to avoid any clashes.

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 5th of September.

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

— Editor

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