

# Kingfisher Chronicle - 2005-2006

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**This week** we visit Droitwich Saltway on Thursday (24<sup>th</sup>) at the St. Andrews House Hotel (turn right off the main Droitwich-Worcester Road just before the petrol station) Please give apologies in the normal way to Alan King (01386 792437) before noon on Monday. There is no meeting on Tuesday.

**Many thanks** to David Field for treating us all to some wine and puddings, to celebrate his 60th birthday. Just a shame he was not there to enjoy it.

**Ambassadorial Scholar-** Jessica Sequer  
Thanks to Bryan for arranging for Jessica to come and speak and give us such a good presentation two weeks ago. David Field and others really did miss a good evening.

## Nightstop & Headway

Again two very interesting talks on the work of these two organisations. One helping the young homeless the other those with acquired brain injuries.

## From the Secretary's Secretary:

If any member of council requires headed notepaper please could you email your request to me [davidandjudi@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:davidandjudi@blueyonder.co.uk) and Judi will forward it to you in a Word document.

## FOUNDATION MONTH

The message this Foundation month is one of vision, a vision that **Every Rotarian** can ensure a better future for all through The Rotary Foundation, **Every Year**.

Close your eyes for a moment and try to imagine seeing things through the eyes of little girl from a poor village. After sleeping on a dirt floor, she rises from squalor only to forage for food in a nearby garbage dump. She drinks contaminated water and then is forced to use her little hands to work 12 to 14 hours or more everyday, manufacturing beautiful little dolls.

I wonder what this little girl sees when she looks at those dolls. Does she wonder who is going to play with them? Does she long to play with one herself? Does she dream of growing up to be

beautiful like one of the dolls and wearing beautiful clothes? I wonder, will she live long or well enough to see that life can be beautiful? I wonder...

I also wonder why so many people choose not to see or do anything about the horrific things that are done to children like her all over the world. There are many people who are so blind as to allow such inhumanity to exist.

Fortunately, Rotarians are not so blind. Our faith in humanity is renewed when we see all of the good things that Rotary club members are accomplishing around the world, by helping children, helping families, and enabling those we help to help themselves and others.

Still, how many Rotarians have the clarity of vision to truly understand that it is our Rotary Foundation that is the conduit through which we help others and make significant change. The Rotary Foundation is our path to Humanity in Motion.

Through our literacy programs, we empower children to learn and rise up from poverty.

Through our clean water projects, we make a difference so that children in poor villages no longer die of water-borne disease. Through our Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary World Peace Fellows educational programs, we enlighten the next generation of world leaders to challenge the ravages of war and build bridges of peace and hope that link us all. These programs are made possible by our contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Foundation Month is not only about the money. It is about you and me taking *Service Above Self* seriously. It is about taking time to *Create Awareness* and *Take Action* by doing something to build goodwill and better friendships.

It is also about having a vision that enables all of us to see that something as simple as participating in Every Rotarian, Every Year with a contribution to our Rotary Foundation, can be a life-changing event of magnificent proportion in someone's life, in the lives of all children.

We continue to work towards eradicating polio. Why? Because we can. It is Rotary's gift to the children of the world. Yet, so many more needs remain. Your contributions fuel our life changing programs. Please be generous this year and contribute to a positive change.

(District Foundation Chairman)

## Club Programme

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Visit to Droitwich Saltway  
**November 29<sup>th</sup>** - Prison Officer from Long Lartin high security prison.  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Special AGM  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas meal with partners/friends, special appearance of Colin on the keys.  
**December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Visit to B&Q then for bangers and mash at David Strains house.  
**Christmas Eve** – Sainsbury Collection.

## Club Programme 2006

**Please note some dates and names have changed since the last publication:**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>** - No Meeting  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>** - P Ramage to arrange  
**January 17<sup>th</sup>** - K Lea to arrange  
**January 24<sup>th</sup>** - D Strain to arrange  
**January 31<sup>st</sup>** - A King - Rtn. Ken Roberts, Immediate Past (National) President of I.C.F.R.  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>** - Hall Green Dogs  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** - J Savigar to arrange  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>** - J Scott to arrange  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>** - C Smith to arrange  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>** - D Raines to arrange  
**March 14<sup>th</sup>** - G Till to arrange  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>** - M Townsend to arrange  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>** - J Wall to arrange  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>** - AGM  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>** - J Willis to arrange  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting – Bank Holiday  
**April 25<sup>th</sup>** – A Corbett to arrange  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** - No Meeting – Bank Holiday  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** - Club Assembly  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>** - N Wycherley to arrange  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – D.Field to arrange  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting – Bank Holiday  
**June 6<sup>th</sup>** - D. Tyrrell to arrange  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – S.Bansall to arrange  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>** - t.b.a.  
**June 27<sup>th</sup>** - Handover Meeting – Joint

## This Week in History

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1963** President Kennedy was shot dead in Dallas.  
**November 24<sup>th</sup> 1963** Lee Harvey Oswald the man accused of assassinating the US President, was himself been shot dead in a Dallas police station.

## Humour

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they were exhausted and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Holmes asked. Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that the Lord is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent!"

## Thoughts for Today

**You know you are living in 2005, when...**

You learn about your redundancy on the 11 o'clock news.

You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.

Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.

Leaving the house without your mobile phone, which you didn't have for the first 20 or 30 (or more) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.

*Thanks to Judy Strain*

## Duties this Week

None as we are visiting Droitwich Spa Saltway.

**Raffle** - No one could find the raffle tickets so club funds benefited. If anyone has a spare book of raffle tickets please bring along to our next club meeting at the Moat House. Alan Atkinson is keen to win for the third time in a row. Is Peter Ramage losing his touch?

## Club Committees

**Any news? Watch this space.**

*All contributions to this newsletter welcome by email to [J.lscott@btopenworld.com](mailto:J.lscott@btopenworld.com) or even snailmail will do.*