

# Kingfisher Chronicle - 2006-2007

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## President's Report

As your new president, I thought it incumbent on me to say a brief word about the Handover evening. I enjoyed it, though I confess to being a little nervous at the start, though I'm sure that this will diminish as time goes on. I'm not about to repeat most of the things I said during the evening, except to say that I believe that I have a very strong team, who will support both me and the club over the forthcoming year. I very much look forward to the year ahead. I am planning a full year, which I hope will include the full spectrum of events. The accent is going to be on fun and fellowship, and I hope that we will visit a good number of clubs during the year, and in return, will receive a number of visits. I hope also that we will have close links with Inner wheel, not least because most of them are considerably better looking than most of you lot, and it helps considerably having Viv as their chair person, working alongside me. I am particularly blessed with having two excellent secretaries, not only my official one, but also my un-official one ('er in doors), who keep me well supplied with ideas and information.

### New Directions for the Farm Walk.

The directions for the walk have changed slightly. Though the walk is still the same as before, we are starting from a slightly different place.

As before, coming from Redditch, proceed through Inkberrow, taking the left turn signposted The Lenches. In about ½ mile, at the T junction, turn right, and then immediately left, signposted Abberton. In about 1 mile, you will be in Abberton Village. Proceed through the village, keeping the Church on your left. Pass Abberton Hall on your left and you will immediately see 'The Gables' on your left. Just past the house is the entrance to the farmyard, where hopefully, you will see our Rotary banner indicating the entrance. The weather is set fair, and so you will definitely not need wellies. Decent comfortable shoes should suffice. Enjoy.

If coming from Bromsgrove, down the M5 to jct 6, take the 1st left towards Evesham, and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> roundabout, turn left along the A422, towards Stratford. In about 4 miles, take a right turn at the now redundant petrol station, up the hill into Flyford Flavell. Proceed straight through the village and in 1 mile, take the first turn on your right, signposted Abberton. Then as above.

## Meal Apologies

Apologies for this week to Alan King or direct to John Wall remember it is a meeting with wives. Apologies for 11th July to Don Raines and apologies for 18<sup>th</sup> July to Alan King.

## Community Service

Three Rotarians and Peggy Corbett arrived at Pitcheroak School in Batchley at 9:00 on Wednesday 14th June to take a party of 12 "special needs" kids and their carers to "Kids Out" at Drayton Manor, near Tamworth. Overcast weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm and anticipation of the children and by 10:30 they had arrived to start their fun day. Rotarians were persuaded to go on some of the rides but did not totally share the kids desires to tackle some of the more scary rides or those whichensuredasoaking. Lunch was provided for the kids but the other Redditch Club had already eaten the helpers lunch!!! Towards the end of the day the rain started but it was hardly noticed by the kids as they were still wet from the afternoon session on the rides. The kids were exceptionally well behaved-- a credit to their school and carers and several were so exhausted that they slept in the cars on the way home. It was an excellent day and promotes Rotary in the community, so hopefully we can take more than 12 kids next year.

## Club Programme 2006

July 4<sup>th</sup>- Farm Walk

July 11<sup>th</sup>- W.Allbutt to arrange

July 18<sup>th</sup>- A.Atkinson to arrange

July 25<sup>th</sup>- Boules Evening

Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>- D.Brittain to arrange

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>- Inner Wheel Garden Lunch

(Wed) Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>- Scalextric- D.Saunders

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>- Bus Trip- A.King

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>- DG Visit- Don McConnell

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>- No meeting Bank Holiday

## Raffle

The raffle at the last meeting was won by Mike Townsend and Viv Wall