

Kingfisher Chronicle - 2006-2007

*****200th Edition*****

President's Notes

It's good to see the editor back in his usual position at the Chronicle. Many thanks to Peter for standing in during his absence, a job very well done. Many thanks to Wilf for his talk last week, it's good to see that his memory and wit are still as sharp as ever.

Would all members please note the following changes to the programme.

July 25th Bryan Carpenter to arrange
Aug 6th (Sunday) Inner Wheel garden lunch at The Cottage, Flyford Flavell.
Aug 8th No meeting
Aug 9th (Wednesday) Scalextric night. Studley
Sept 12th Boules night with North Worcester at The Moat House
Oct 14th (Saturday) Horse Race night.
Nov 13th (Monday) Visit to Bromsgrove club to meet Pres. of RI Peter Offer
Nov 14th No meeting
Nov 21st Tim Reeve to arrange
Otherwise, all other fixtures in programme as before

There are a few things coming up where we need good attendance to cover ongoing costs in setting them up. These include the Scalextric night and the Bus trip on 15th Aug, and I would exhort all members to attend these wherever humanly possible. I know that the Scalextric people can accept up to 30 people, and I know that Alan King would very much like to fill the bus on the 15th, so I imagine that visitors for both events would be very acceptable.

John Wall

200 and still going

This week marks the 200 hundredth edition of the Kingfisher Chronicle. On 16th September 2001 the editor foolishly promised to print a newsletter every week providing there was enough articles to print. This promise still holds good so if you want to see an edition next week and the week after ...then send in an article. Modern technology also enable pictures to be published so don't be shy send something now.

Garden Party

Its not long now to the annual Inner Wheel Garden Party. This year it is being hosted by the

Inner Wheel President Viv Wall on Sunday August 6th. All members of the club are invited to attend, the only stipulation is that they must bring a garden chair and some money. A splendid spread will be provided along with alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages. Rumour has it the event commences at 1pm. More details as soon as they are known.

Racing in October

One of our most popular social events is being staged on October 14th at the Masonic Hall in Redditch. In true Masonic fashion the winner of each race is a secret and won't be known until the end of each race. This has always been a popular evening so get the date in your diary now and tell your friends. Don't keep the evening a secret. It's a fun packed evening with a fish and chip supper provided. Entry to the racecourse, I mean hall is £10 per person, much cheaper than going all the way to Warwick or Worcester and more exciting. Members or friends can sponsor a horse at the give away price of £5. We have less than 20 horses, contact let Alan Corbett to sponsor one. We also have one race left for sponsorship at £30.

Committee Chairman

Remember this space is ready for your article. Don't keep your committees plans to yourself inform the members here.

Thought of the week

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

Alan King

Your Money Wanted

The Treasurer has asked that members be reminded that the first instalment of club subs are now due - £50. This of course ensures not only can you attend the weekly meeting but you get a newsletter sent direct to your inbox.

This Week in History

The Apollo 11 space rocket took off on 16th July 1969 from Cape Kennedy, Florida, at the start of the first attempt to land a man on the Moon. Five days later Neil Armstrong became the first man to step onto the moon.

On the 17th July 1955 Stirling Moss won the British Grand Prix at the Aintree track near Liverpool - the first time an Englishman has triumphed in the race. Another British driver, Mike Hawthorn, finished in sixth place.

A Long Walk

You may remember a few months ago I reported to the club the death of Simon Barlow due to a brain tumour, Simon was the son of Coral and Gil Barlow. At the end of this month his younger brother Nick is walking from John O'Groats to Lands End to raise money in his memory for the Brain Research Trust www.brt.org.uk. At our recent club council meeting we agreed that the club would like to help Nick in some way.

What can we do?

We can sponsor him and donate some club money, we can also give him practical help when he is walking through this area by perhaps spending some time walking with him or be a support driver and taking his rucksack from A to B. He starts his walk from Scotland on 23rd July so watch this space for more information or visit his website at www.nickbarlow.com/blog

David Strain

Odds, Ends and Quotes

Dinner guests during the mediaeval times in England were expected to bring their own knives to the table.

In the Great Fire of London in 1666, half of London was burned down but only six people were injured.

"A modest little man with much to be modest about"

Winston Churchill on Clement Attlee

"Fifty per cent of Winston is genius, fifty per cent bloody fool.

He will behave like a child. Clement Attlee on Winston Churchill

Alan Atkinson

Website

Remember we do have a website at

<http://www.redditch-kingfisher-rotary.co.uk>

It has lots of information about the club but unfortunately it is becoming rapidly out of date. It would be helpful if members could look at the pages connected with the committee they are on and suggest amendments or provide more up to date materials. All the club newsletters are also on the website so you can read what we have been doing from anywhere in the world, even Geoff's boat!

From the District Governor

There are many challenges which need to be faced by Rotarians during this Rotary Year 2006/07. Our international theme for 06/07 is "Lead The Way", a theme which I 060 endorses enthusiastically and which will guide our steps in implementing the Rotary International Strategic Plan, the Club Leadership Plan and the RIBI Marketing Strategy. Hand in hand with these internal and external initiatives will be our ongoing commitment to those less fortunate than ourselves, at home and overseas, particularly the RIBI Preferred Projects; Impact, Barnardo's, the Institute for Cancer Research and the Wheelchair Foundation.

Club Programme July/August

This week - A. Atkinson

July 25th- B. Carpenter

Aug. 1st- D. Brittain to arrange

Aug. 6th- Inner Wheel Garden Lunch

(Wed) Aug. 9th- Scalextric- D. Saunders

Aug. 15th- Bus Trip- A. King

Aug. 22nd- DG Visit- Don McConnell

Aug. 29th- No Meeting- Bank Holiday

Don't be Shy, Suggest

If you have an idea for a club event, outing or a speaker then please discuss with the President. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Duties this Week

Meal collection – David Medcalf

Grace – Keith Lea

Vote of thanks – Alan King

Reserve – David Field

Raffle

John Savigar won the raffle last week.

All contributions to this newsletter welcome by email to

J.lscott@btopenworld.com or even snailmail will do.