

Kingfisher Chronicle - 2006-2007

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President's Notes

It's been a long time since we had a Chronicle, and so here's a quick recap on a few things that happened during December. The Christmas party was on the 12th and we enjoyed a lovely meal, followed by superb entertainment by One Step Beyond, a musical troupe of Appalachian Step dancers, which is some kind of amalgam of Irish, old English and hill-billy type clog dancing. Very vociferous and loud, and extremely enjoyable. John Scott did a superb job with the raffle, exhorting the princely sum of £98 from us. He's the only man I know who can induce men to cough up cash when their hands are deeply embedded in their pockets. Well done John. My thanks also to Alan King for organising the details of the meal, place names and organisation with the Moat House etc. I have to say that this was one of the better meals served up by the Moat House in recent weeks, though I regret that because this was a Christmas meal, we should have had crackers and hats thrown in. The thought that we might not get these included in the price simply didn't occur to either Alan or myself, so apologies there. On balance however, I was pleased with the evening.

Viv and I then entertained the ladies of Inner Wheel and their guests (us lot) to their annual supper evening at the Cottage. It was a lovely hot meal, with several choices and lots of free flowing wine. The only downside was the disgusting weather. Practically everyone who parked in the field opposite got well stuck, and had it not been for Alan King's tow rope, and a lot of pushing and shoving from several others, would not have got home that night. It would have helped if some of the ones that got pushed out early had then returned to assist those who were still stuck. Whatever happened to Service above Self. Nevertheless, it was still a good evening.

We then visited Keith's lock up where we tried to sort out the missing items on 5 Aqua boxes. Hopefully these will now be finished off by the club and despatched quickly so that needy people somewhere in the world can be helped. We followed this by enjoying a hearty meal of Sausage and mash at Judy and Davids home. My sincere thanks to them for opening their home to us in that way.

On the 23rd, we did the bucket shake at Sainsburys, collecting the princely sum of £903.65. A truly excellent result and my sincere thanks to all who turned out that day.

Viv and I entertained the 28 members and their Ladies to the bash on 29th. We served hot pie with potatoes and veg and drinks etc. You must have enjoyed it because there was barely anything left for us to finish up the following day.

I received Christmas cards from Peter Offer, Don McConnell and Air Ambulance, and responded to all of them on behalf of the club.

Club events start again this Tuesday, Jan 9th, when Don has a speaker for us.

Treasurers Reminder

Second half year Subs of £20.00 are now due. It would be appreciated if you would pay them as soon as possible.

Card Donations to Foundation

Once again some members are helping to save the planet by not sending christmas cards to fellow members. Instead their greetings will appear here and a donation made to Foundation.

David Field, Alan King, David Medcalf, Peter Ramage, John Scott, Mike Townsend, Jim Willis

(If you wish your name to appear here please let me know and pass a donation to the treasurer in due course)

Thanks

David and Judi would like to thank everyone who supported the Bangers and Mash evening on 19th December. You will be pleased to know that the event raised £125.00 for the Charity Account. In the New Year we shall be looking at the suggested alterations to the house to make this the new Rotary venue, if anyone knows of a good architect, builder, electrician, carpenter or plasterer please let us know!

Odds, Ends and Quotes

How long is red tape?

Well Pythagoras's Theorem has 24 words, the Lord's Prayer - 66 words. Archimedes Principle - 67 words, the Ten Commandments - 179 words. The Gettysburg Address - 286 words. The new European Union rules on the sale of cabbages - 26,253 words!

"He knows nothing and he thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career" - George Bernard Shaw

"I have spent much of my life fighting the Germans and fighting the politicians. It is much easier to fight the Germans!" - Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery (Alan Atkinson)

Club Programme to May 2007

Jan 9th	Ruth Tamburro(Don Raines)
Jan 16th	Steve Whittingham
Jan 23rd	Acorns Hospice
Jan 30th	Mike Townsend
Feb 6th	Malcolm Rogers
Feb 13th	Ladies night
Feb 20th	Surinder Bansal
Feb 27th	John Savigar
Mar 6th	Dave Tyrrell
Mar 13th	Jim Willis
Mar 20th	Brewery Visit
Mar 27th	Colin Smith
Apr 3rd	AGM
Apr 10th	No meeting(Easter)
Apr 17th	Peter Suddock
May 8th	No meeting(Bank Hol)
May 15th	Inner wheel visit to Spetchley Gardens
May 22nd	Club Assembly

Thought for the Day

Never test the depth of water with both feet.

A man is incomplete until he is married, - then he's finished

(Thanks to Alan King)

YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) are launching the Rotary Young Citizen Award, with TV coverage by BBC News 24. The award will recognise young people (under the age of 25) who have demonstrated their commitment to citizenship through working with Rotary.

Five awards of a trophy, a cash prize of £500 and a visit to BBC News will be made to five Rotary projects involving young people working in their communities to improve the lot of others. Especially attractive projects will be those involving young people helping young people. The awardee may be an individual or a group.

Ideas of projects that could gain awards are ...

- Interactors in the inner city raising money to buy ingredients & then cook and serve breakfasts for fellow students whose parents can't afford to give them a proper breakfast
- Young people raising money for the Wheelchair Foundation to supply young people abroad with a wheelchair
- A young disabled person starring at sport or helping other young people
- A youth exchange student doing charitable work abroad
- Award to a school for filling a very large number of shoeboxes or similar.

We are working in conjunction with BBC News 24 and the winning projects will form the basis for a mini - series of reports for television. It is therefore intended that the award will be made by the RIBI President, at the point of delivery. In addition the awardees will be featured at the RIBI Conference in Bournemouth in April with planned TV coverage.

A nomination form is available from the Secretariat at Alcester or it can be downloaded from the Youth Activities pages of the RIBI website (www.rotary-ribi.org). Nominations forms should be returned to the Secretariat as soon as possible and before 28th February 2007.

For more information please contact Judith Diment on 07860 1623 13 or 01628 672965 or email.

(Any ideas anyone??)

Duties this Week

Meal collection – Keith Lea
Grace – Alan King
Vote of thanks – David Field
Reserve – Alan Corbett

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