

# Kingfisher Chronicle - 2006-2007

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## Presidents Notes

Well, here we are again, and it's very nice to be back, fully refreshed and now over the jet lag which has been somewhat obstinate this time, perhaps it's an age thing. Anyway, what a superb evening in which to return, with a simply superb speaker in Margaret Knill. What an interesting person and what an interesting life she's led. We've had many interesting speakers over the years, but I thought that she was one of the best, and congratulations to Dave and Frankie in bringing her to the club. It was also nice to see many of our ladies with us again, not to mention guests from Bewdley and Redditch.

Next week also promises to be very interesting, our speaker will be from the Prader-Willi organisation to whom we will present a cheque, and we will also welcome 15 members of North Worcester club who are on a scatter (obviously en-masse).

Remember that the following week is the visit to the Brewery at Great Alne. We are committed to 30 people for this event and so far the numbers are down which would cause the club to lose money on the night, so come on chaps, ring up your friends and neighbours and bring them along, even if you can't drink because you're driving, it's still going to be a great evening.

## Dates for your diary

### Purity Brewery Visit.

We have todate 16 members and 3 guests for the Brewery visit on Tuesday 20 March 7.30pm start. There are 30 places so gentlemen please bring a guest. The meal is cooked at the farmhouse across the road and when I asked if someone would be playing the piano he replied "you never know your luck" whatever that means.

We are asked to confirm numbers by Monday lunch time on the day before i.e. 19 March so please let me know.

The Purity Brewery is at Upper Sernal Farm, Gt Alne, Warwickshire and the post code for the Sat Nav brigade is B49 6JF.

Have a look at their web page

[www.puritybrewing.com](http://www.puritybrewing.com)

Driving from Studley heading south on the A435 take the first turning left after the Sernal Ash

junction, towards Gt Alne. After about 2 miles you will see a small sign with Purity on it pointing to the left. The Brewery is only a short distance down a very narrow road - you can not miss it!! My list of attendees is attached (email version of newsletter only), any changes please let me know.

Don Raines

## Worcestershire Night

This years Worcestershire evening is being held on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 at Shenstone near Kidderminster. The entertainment is a well known Black Country humorist Tommy Munden and the cost £20. Deadline for bookings is 5<sup>th</sup> April. This is always a great night so if you have never been before its well worth putting in your diary now.

## Kids Out

### Wednesday 13th June.

Please note the above as I will be seeking at least four people to support me on the day.

Please let me know a.s.a.p if you can be available.  
DJS

## Blackpool Holidays

Thursdays 5th and 12th July

Would members please stand by to assist on the above dates. We have 39 bookings to date with 10 places still available, so if you know anyone who may be interested please let me know.

DJS

## Hospital Fete

Saturday 7th July

Please note the above and let's start collecting!!  
DJS

## Club Programme to May 2007

<b>Mar 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Talk from Prader-Willi
<b>Mar 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Brewery Visit
<b>Mar 27<sup>th</sup></b>	GSE Team
<b>Apr 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	AGM
<b>Apr 10<sup>th</sup></b>	No meeting(Easter)
<b>Apr 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Peter Suddock
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	No meeting(Bank Hol)
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Inner wheel visit to Spetchley Gardens
<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Club Assembly

## The Singino Village School Project, Mtwara, Tanzania.

We have received the following communication from Peter Fraser who you will remember gave a talk to us last year regarding a project to provide and install a water pipeline to Singino village school in Tanzania. The total cost of £750 was shared between the Redditch Club and ourselves.

### Dear Don and John

I hope you will be able to pass on this news to your fellow members in the Rotary Clubs of Redditch:

We have been receiving various e-mails about the water project, over the last few weeks, and I am sure your colleagues in the two Redditch Rotary Clubs will be delighted to hear that, *entirely as a result of their generous donations*, the project is going extremely well, and has almost reached final fruition.

The trench has been dug, the pipe connected and the trench back-filled, the tank is being properly repaired and covered, and all is almost set for the final official turning on of the tap!

The villagers and parents of children at the school have given their help with all the work involved, and are aiming to make best use of their new water supply for all sorts of aspects of school life.

The e-mail below has been sent by Balbina, our stalwart representative in Mtwara, whose brother (Father Augustine Fernandes) is the local Parish Priest in Mikindani, where the school is located. Clearly they are all delighted with the success of the project, as are we in the Friends of Mtwara, and we would all like to say a very big 'Thank You' to the two Rotary Clubs of Redditch, for their wonderful and effective generosity in helping to transform the lives of the young villagers in this deprived part of Tanzania. Photographs will be forwarded when they arrive, so we can all share in their joy.

"Dear Jackie,

I hope you are all well.

I hope you received my email sent to Peter and copied to you all. The school water tank was leaking in several places and the water was wasting; it was necessary to repair the tank in order to store the water as water is not pumped for 24 hours a day and not every day. So the tank will help to stock enough water for two or three days as needed. We therefore asked the school water project committee to make an estimate for the repair inside and outside and a proper top

cover made. The estimates were reasonable and the repairs are going on.

Today Norbert and John Swedi, visited the school and have seen that the pipeline has reached the school and water meter and a tap has been fixed. No consumer is allowed to sell water. So they are planning on how they will pay the water bill by other projects. They have a school farm with coconuts and we suggested that a vegetable garden be started so that the teachers and students get a better diet. We have also suggested that they produce seedlings of fruits and decorative garden plants to sell to the community. Soon as they decide we shall let you know.

Our next programme is to build a low tank with many outlets so that several children can collect water to drink and clean themselves after sports and self help sessions etc. Mike Strain has informed Fr. Augustine that he leaves for Dar es Salaam last Friday and has said he will try and send three digital pictures to you by email. I hope you receive them soon.

Kind regards to the Rotarians from the committee of MOWL and the teachers and students of the Singino Primary school and the community of Singino village. Thank you Rotarians for your concern and contribution to this water project. We plan to invite an official to open the tap and will send you more pictures of the occasion.

Kind regards,  
Balbina"

### Wanted

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the various club committees? News of their activities seem to be missing from the communications tool of the club (this newsletter). Articles on each committee would be most welcome.

### Duties this Week

Meal collection – John Scott

Grace – John Savigar

Vote of thanks – David Saunders

Reserve – Malcolm Rogers

### Raffle

Last weeks raffle was won by Wilf Allbutt.

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