



Rotary Club of Brigg

Founded 1969

President – Linda Hewlett-Parker

Secretary – Steve Hodsman

President's Message:

Happy New Year! I hope that 2014 is a good year for us all and that the Rotary Club of Brigg continues to thrive to benefit the causes we support.

Looking back on the last two months of 2013 I can report a number of shared and very enjoyable celebrations. In November the club's Charter at Hemswell Court proved to be a great success. Peter Slack, the speaker, gave a hilarious account of his life as a sheep farmer in Derbyshire. His comic timing and amusing anecdotes appealed to all and found us laughing the afternoon away.

Rotarians from a number of other clubs came to support the event and once again the venue and food were excellent. It was pleasing that District Governor Simon Kalston and his wife Jackie were able to join us despite having other commitments that weekend. I received several letters of thanks after the charter and invitations to other charters which I hope to attend.

The club's Christmas meal at the Blacksmith's Arms in Rothwell was well-attended and relaxing. The Club's annual carol service at St John's Church, shared with members of the Inner Wheel enabled Rotarians and friends to celebrate in festive fellowship.

My thanks go to those who gave up their time to organise the events we have enjoyed.

As well as having the opportunity to celebrate the festive season Rotarians were involved in a number of community and fund raising activities. The Christmas parcels were delivered to 40 local homes. Thanks go to local businesses that supported the club initiative. Rotarians also collected an amazing 2 tons of food which is to be distributed via the Brigg Food Bank. Both activities show significant commitment and practical support to those in need in our local community.

The international aspect has not been neglected as Rotarians collected over £1,000 to send 3 shelter boxes to the Philippines disaster appeal. A further collection ensured that the on-going project to support the eradication of polio raised several hundred pounds.

No doubt there will be more challenges for the club in the year ahead. I am sure with the active members we have and the commitment shown, RC Brigg will continue to be 'the best club in the district' in 2014.

Yours in Rotary, Linda

Future Programme:

Speaker Finders:

Duty Stewards:

01 Jan:		Happy New Year	02 Jan:	No Meeting
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09 Jan:	PP Martin Robinson		16 Jan:	PP Arthur Borrill
16 Jan:	PP Steve Pearce		23 Jan:	John Esser
23 Jan:	PP Tony Forbes		30 Jan:	Theatre Trip – Swan Lake at the Baths Hall Scunthorpe
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06 Feb:	Business Meeting		13 Feb:	Keith Lacey
13 Feb:	Michael Silley		20 Feb:	PP Brian Parker
20 Feb:	PP Dave Brittain		27 Feb:	Trevor Barker
27 Feb:	Chris Darlington			

If you are unable to fulfil these commitments then please arrange a swap with another member who is on the 6 month calendar and then inform the Secretary of the agreed changes.



Rotary Meetings:

When we are unable to attend Rotary meetings, say on a Thursday, we need to telephone or text **Ian (Boots) Watson before 10.30 AM.**

**on 01673 818121
or Mobile 07714214790**

Please be exact on **your name** and the **date** for which you are apologising.

Remember that failure to do this will result in you being charged for your meal.

Sometimes we forget that when we have visitors attending, we also need to:

1. Inform Boots that an additional meal(s) is required so that he can confirm the numbers with Artie's Mill.
2. Inform the Secretary, Steve Hodsman, so that he can include a welcome to your guest(s) when the President announces visitors attending.
3. If your guest is a speaker then Steve can prepare a certificate of thanks and he will also include the topic of their talk.

If we can remember this simple courtesy then it makes the club look much more professional and organised.

Members' Birthdays:

11 Jan:	VP Nick Wells	21 Jan:	Steve Hodsman
01 Feb:	PP Steve Pearce	10 Feb:	PP Trevor Richardson
13 Feb:	PP Arthur Borrill	14 Feb:	PP Robert Horner
20 Feb:	Keith Lacey		

Secretary's Report: Steve Hodsman

Well, members of the best club in the district, welcome to 2014. On a personal note, 2013 saw me take over the reins from the man from Burnley. What an act to follow.....in many ways??

Since taking over in July we have seen many events, some good and some bad, that have tested the resolve of members, both personally and in terms of Rotary. The Philippines Disaster brought the Club together in appeals for Shelterbox, whilst the floods created by the local tidal inundation saw people having to leave their homes, being affected by the closure of industrial works, and Rotarians joining together to bring relief to people across the world, and at home, in support of Rotary charities. I can only say that once again, our members came up with the goods when help was needed.

The committees continue with their work, and on behalf of the Club, can I say thank you to you all for your continued support and hard work for Club activities aimed at supporting work done by Rotary in whatever circumstance needed.

There has been discussion, of late, around the dress code for the Club. I do not know that this has satisfactorily concluded at this stage and, so, I am considering dedicating one of the Business meetings in the New Year so that opinions and views can be aired and a clear, membership lead decision can be made that will see us put the discussion to rest for the next couple of years or so. Opinions are divided and so it is only right that this matter goes to a full club vote. This will be dealt with at a Business Meeting with a decision taken at the end of the debate that will tie us in for the aforementioned couple of years. If a member cannot make the nominated Business Meeting when the date is circulated, I will ask those members to send me an email/ note or letter on what they, individually, feel about the issue and to let me know how they wish 'to vote'. In this way ALL members will be consulted and all will have had an opportunity to "vote" on the matter. Once the decision is made, I feel that the issue will have had a good airing and will put the matter to bed for the couple of years mentioned. I hope that you all agree with this. If not, let me know, and I will think again.

**Finally, may I wish you a happy,
and prosperous, New Year.
Regards, Steve**

Brigg Charter in November 2013: Looking Back in 2013

As President, Linda, said earlier the Charter was a great success thanks to all those who provided the back of house and front of house organisation and especially those that dressed the room on the day.

Excellent speeches from all and another splendid meal enjoyed amongst great company, what better way to celebrate your birthday.

There are plenty of pictures on the web site: www.briggrotary.org.uk



Mafia Boss Checks Mail Boxes: Looking Ahead in 2014

Beware of **New Year** scams that lure you into sending cheques to mail drops when prompted by pleas for funds from 'so called' desperate couples stranded in foreign lands with only carers for assistance.

Here we capture a rare photo of a couple caught checking on the mail drops – back right. **You have been warned.**

Treasurer: Charles Askew

The Club is now registered as a charity with TheGivingMachine.

Shopping online via TheGivingMachine will generate a free cash donation with every single purchase. With stores like Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco, Sainsbury, John Lewis and hundreds more taking part, you should find what you want from your favourite shops at TheGivingMachine.



Please support the Club by visiting www.thegivingmachine.co.uk to join, they only require your name, e-mail address and a password for you to become a Giver. Please choose Rotary Club of Brigg Trust Fund as the charity you wish to support – if you wish you can choose up to three others who are registered with TheGivingMachine. With Christmas becoming a distant memory, you may be considering booking a summer holiday. Booking through www.thegivingmachine.co.uk will generate a substantial free cash donation - lots of the best travel companies take part. If your wardrobe needs updating, your telephone needs upgrading or you have DIY plans for your home or garden, remember to visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk.

Accounts News:

Trust Fund – money has come in for the Theatre Trip tickets, Christmas Hamper donations, and the two Tesco collections for the ShelterBox / Philippines Typhoon Disaster and the End Polio Now campaign. The polio fund also received a generous donation of **£125** from the students at **Sir John Nelthorpe School**. Donations made have been **£250** to N.E.Lincs Women's Aid, **£250** to the Immingham Seafarer's Service, **£1,770** for three ShelterBoxes and **£500** to the Lindum Lincoln Rotary Club joint project for Water Wells in Bangladesh. This sum enabled the target of **£8,000** from District 1270 clubs to be met so that the project is certain to go forward, and as the total with matching grants is expected to reach over **£50,000**, will help **75,000** poor people in an important way.

The balance in the Current Account is £3,669.26, and in the Deposit Account is £6,163.93.

Club Fund – the main transactions have related to the Social Night at St Andrew's Hospice, The Charter event and the Christmas meal. **£50** has been sent to RIBI for the maintenance of our website – this will ultimately reach the Rotary Foundation fund. In January RIBI will want the second half-yearly payment of subscriptions, which will be approximately **£1,000**. Fortunately the balance in the Current Account now stands at £3,024.75, and in the Deposit Account holds £664.58.

49 Club: - Ambrose Fowler – Latest winners:

Nov	27	J Whitelock
9 Nov	13	A Borrill
16 Nov	38	A Borrill
23 Nov	15	J Whitelock
30 Nov	15	J Whitelock
7 Dec	25	D Brittain
14 Dec	8	K Vine
21 Dec	17	S Hanson
28 Dec	49	A Lawrence

Community and Vocational Service: Chair – Chris Darlington

This period is always a very busy one establishing our projects for the year as well as preparing for the ones near to Christmas. Within the last two weeks we supported, over two days, the **Brigg Food Bank TESCO collection** and the club has been magnificent in their support ensuring that we always had at least two members present between 9am and 5pm. We collected a fantastic **1.7 tons of food** which TESCOs will match, in cash, a third of the overall cost of it.

I am delighted that the **Vale Academy is taking part in the District Music Competition** for the first time and they hosted, on 4/12/13, a musical competition for the hopefuls who would like to represent our club. I am grateful to PDG Mohammad, PP Martin and Rtn Tony T. who listened to 10 hopeful candidates and chose two outstanding students to represent us who will be playing a clarinet, tuba as well as a saxophone. All entries received a Rotary certificate and medal to mark their performances. They will come to play to the club nearer to the District competition.

PP Robert has been very busy sorting out our request letters to local businesses seeking their support to raise money for our annual **Christmas Hampers appeal**. The response, so far, is very encouraging and we have surpassed last year's amount already.

We have spread our net wider this year by not only working with Statutory Agencies, local churches, Age Concern as well as our local Children's Centre.

A number of Rotarians met in Rtn Malcolm's shop to make up

40 hampers so that we can deliver them on the 17/12/13. Their packing skills in putting 18 items of food, accurately, into each box improved by the 40th box!!



This year in our support of the **Brigg Food Bank we will also be providing festive bags to all of their clients** to give them that extra cheer. Rtn Trevor B. Has agreed to be our liaison with them so that we can understand their needs more fully and focus our help more precisely.

Com/Voc has decided to branch out this year into supporting the **Rotary Climate Week** starting 3/3/14 - watch this space! To begin this environmental journey we have joined up with the newly formed Brigg Village Green Project to support them in planting 650 saplings on 11/1/13. As it is so early into the New Year a request for support will be being sent out prior to Christmas. We will endeavour to plant some trees on a yearly basis where ever possible as from 2014 with the club's support.

PP David and I have responded to the very positive feedback from our local **secondary schools** and our members to organise another round of **interview practice** sessions early into the New Year. **SJN will be on 20, 27 January, February 3** and the **Vale Academy will be on February 12, 26, March 5, 12**. We will also be seeking support from both schools to enter the many other Rotary Schools competitions over the year. Final decisions by them will be done by the end of this year. We will of course be supporting two students for **RYLA in 2014** as well as **the Primary Castleton Residential in July**.

We are at present searching for a nomination for the **Young Citizen Award** and any suggestions would be appreciated from the club.

We are looking forward to supporting the **Disability Games, 30/3/14**, and Rtn Julie will be looking for volunteers nearer to the day.

Brigg Gymnastic Club has recently had its AGM and I am delighted to tell that Rtn Rob was appointed their Chairman. PP Steve is also on the committee and it is clear that their support and good council are making this club very successful for a considerable number of local children. They have also been highly successful by raising additional funds from Sports England. Please consider Rtn Charles's appeal to use The Giving Machine site which Rtn Tony T. introduced to the Club in October as it is a very easy way of making the club money at no cost to ourselves.

It would be amiss of me not to say thank you for the help that many Rotarians give on a weekly basis to our **local primary schools** in supporting **literacy** which is organised by Rtn Gaynor. A big thank you to Rtn David F who has been overseeing in Gaynor's absence. She is still needing more volunteers and has spreads her net wide to include the Inner Wheel. Please don't forget that we have Rotarians supporting **Brigg LIVES, First Responders and the Brigg Business Partnership** both very important to our local community. Our grateful thanks to them.

Finally a big thank you to ALL members of the Com/Voc team who have ALL taken on responsibilities to support projects throughout this year and are still coming up with even more exciting future projects! A final big thank you to the club itself which, without your support, these projects would never happen.

Future Dates for your diary are as follows:

Litter Pick – 22/5/14, Uncle Henry's Open Farm Bar B Q – 8/6/14

[International - Nick Wells](#)

We held a **collection at Brigg Tesco** on Saturday 16th November to help victims of the awful **Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines**. My thanks to members of the club for supporting this so well at short notice and to Tesco for allowing us to collect. Generous shoppers meant we raised **£944, topped up to £1,000** by an additional donation. By including some club funds this has allowed us to **donate 3 shelter boxes**.

A further collection, which was scheduled further ahead with **Tesco** for December 14th, raised **£508 for Rotary End Polio Now**. Again my thanks to members for their support. We should be able to claim an element of gift aid on both these collections.

The club has agreed to **Donate £500 towards a Bangladesh Water Wells Project** being organised by Lincoln Lindum, our donation means Lindum/District have reached their **£8,000** target and the project can go ahead. This is a match funded project part of a total cost of **\$80,000** which will help **75,000 people** receive clean water.

The club has also agreed a donation of **£800 towards furniture for a classroom in Kenya** including **60 desks**. This will be a match funded project.

There will be an International Committee Meeting on Thursday 9th January at Arties Mill after the Club Meeting. The main topic of discussion will be the Charity Night.

As a reminder to the Club the Brigg Rotary **Charity Night** will be held in the evening of **Thursday 13th March at the Kar**

Restaurant in Brigg. This is a fun evening which will be open to the wider community so please consider who you may be able to invite and book your places early. We like to offer a variety of auction promises so please consider if you, or a contact, are able to offer something or a raffle prize.

[Club Service & Foundation](#) - No report

What did the high tech' members get for Christmas?

Did they get this fantastic new app - it shows you the road ahead - so you can see where you are going!!!!

