



Rotary Club of Brigg

Founded 1969

President – Linda Hewlett-Parker

Secretary – Steve Hodsman

President's Message:

Not long after the publication of the last bulletin a number of Rotarians attended the Inner Wheel Charter Lunch at Hemswell Cliff. It was an excellent way to pass a Sunday afternoon in good company, with delicious food and at a lovely venue.

Raising the profile of Rotary in the local community, particularly with the younger generation, is extremely important. I am sure that the time invested will pay dividends for the club in the future. I am pleased that RC Brigg has again sponsored two students from the Brigg Sixth Form to attend the RYLA weekend at Castleton. Each year the participants return enthused and enriched by the experience. They also promote the virtues of Rotary to their peers!

The interviews with Year 11 students at Sir John Nelthorpe School and The Vale Academy have continued to flourish this year with even more Rotarians becoming involved. It is hoped that even more Rotarians can be recruited in the future so that interviews can be offered to the students in the sixth form.

At the end of January I visited Lowfield House in Kirton in Lindsey with Rtn Julie. We presented certificates to those who participated in the disability games and encouraged others to enrol for the next event. We already have several signed up for the next games in Barnsley.

Two mornings were spent presenting certificates to local businesses that supported the annual Christmas Hampers Appeal. Forty hampers were delivered just before Christmas and were greatly appreciated by the recipients. This could not have been achieved without the generous donations given by supportive businesses. My thanks go to PP Dave Brittain and Rtn Chris Darlington for providing support as photographer and taxi driver! The photographs are on the club website. I took the opportunity to invite those who had donated to attend a club meeting in the future. I hope they do so!

Unfortunately, the service to donate the cheque for £500 to the Brigg Food Bank was postponed. I hope the rescheduled meeting goes ahead in March so that Brigg Rotary Club can support a charity that has an immediate impact on the lives of local people.

I was unable to attend the club's partners' evening visit to the production of Swan Lake at the Bath's Hall due to work commitments. I have been told it was great success. It obviously made an impression on some members as Rotarians have been treated to a 'version' of the ballet movements at subsequent meetings!

As the weather improves the opportunities to become involved in a variety of fund raising or charter events increases. The Charity Banquet and Auction is scheduled for Thursday 13th March at the Kar Restaurant. It is our main fund raiser for the year.

The week commencing the 17th March is 'scatter week' which is an opportunity to visit other clubs – and to remind them, once again, that Brigg is 'the best club in the district'!

Yours in Rotary, Linda

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 Hodsmen, 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.**

Future Programme:

| | Speaker Finders: | Duty Stewards: |
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| 06 Mar: | David Hinxman | 06 Mar: PP Lewis Strange |
| 13 Mar: | Charity Banquet at the Kar Restaurant; 6.45 for 7.15 PM-£25pp Lounge Suits and Cocktail Dresses | |
| 20 Mar: | No meeting ~ Scatter Week from 17th – 21st March | |
| 27 Mar: | Business Meeting | 27 Mar: PE Nick Wells |
| 03 Apr: | Tony Taylor | 03 Apr: Gaynor Norris |
| 10 Apr: | Julie Whitelock | 10 Apr: Ron Whitehouse |
| 17 Apr: | Zandra Holden | 17 Apr: Kevin Vine |
| 24 Apr: | AGM | 24 Apr: PP Trevor Richardson |
| 01 May: | PP Robert Horner | 01 May: John Thompson |

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.

Members' Birthdays:

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| 15 Mar: | PP Janice Grimley | 20 Mar: | Pres. Linda H-Parker |
| 22 Mar: | Tony Turnbull | 26 Mar: | Rob Davison |
| 29 Mar: | Kevin Vine | 29 Mar: | Malcolm Bailey |
| 29 Mar: | Chris Darlington | | |
| 24 Apr: | PP Lewis Strange | 28 Apr: | John Thompson |

Secretary's Report: Steve Hodsmen

'The business meeting on 6th February 2014 saw the promised discussion on the dress code. A number of members spoke, eloquently and informatively, on their preference for the future. At the end of the evening, a majority of members defeated the proposal. Following the airing and debate, the dress code of Jacket and Tie for male members and smart, professional dress for lady members, will not be reviewed for a good while into the future.

Sadly a number of members having indicated that they need to reflect on the decision made and their future within Brigg RC. This, in my view, is entirely a personal decision for each individual, but I would be deeply saddened if members feel that they cannot accept the will of the Club. As I say, a personal decision for all. If anyone were to leave the fold, they would be genuinely missed. I feel it important that members should have their say and, whilst I am in the Secretary's Chair, will continue to have that say. It is important that a mature debate can be had on all manner of subjects in Rotary and any member who decides to leave, will detract from the ability to have that informed debate in the future.

On a lighter note, having just spent a week away on holiday, with our former CEO, I now find that I begin to understand his love of 'the tin can'. Both Di and I loved caravanning and look forward, with enthusiasm, to our next trip. You are all right. I have joined the old baked beans tin brigade; and proud of it too!

In the future, I, like many others, will eagerly await the trip to RAF Scampton for the Partners night in May. It should be great to share in the experience that the trip provides us.

I have recently learned that Rtn Ian 'Boots' Watson is shortly to undergo some rather serious surgery. I would like to give him all best wishes, both personally and on behalf of the membership, for a quick recovery and return to our meetings sooner rather than later. All of our love goes to him for the procedures he has soon to go through.

Lastly, the Rotary year continues to race on with a number of us accompanying President Linda to the growing number of Charters that we hear about. One of the Charters we went to recently was that of the Brigg and Scunthorpe Innerwheel Club. The afternoon event was a great success with a number of our members enjoying the delights of Hemswell once again. It did not disappoint.

49 Club: - Ambrose Fowler – Latest winners:

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| 4 Jan | 8 | K Vine |
| 11 Jan | 11 | B Parker |
| 18 Jan | 33 | D Hinxman |
| 25 Jan | 11 | B Parker |
| 1 Feb | 29 | C Askew |
| 8 Feb | 4 | J Wood |
| 15 Feb | 27 | J Whitelock |
| 22 Feb | 33 | D Hinxman |
| 1 Mar | 45 | C Darlington |

Treasurer: Charles Askew

Club Fund – The second half-yearly payment of subscriptions became due in January and the amount of £1,011.70 has been sent to RIBI.

Balances at 27/2/14 – Club Current account = £1597.70; Club Deposit account = £664.64.

Trust Fund – Since the last bulletin the sum of **£500** which we agreed to donate to support the Brigg Food Bank has been issued, and **£300** has been paid to the Rotary Centre at Castleton for the two students we nominated for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award scheme.

In addition to raising the cultural awareness of club members, the Moscow State Ballet event raised a surplus of **£67.50**, which will be added to the forthcoming Race Night profit and be sent to Rotary Foundation. The total donations received from local businesses for Christmas Hampers was £725.00, which covered the costs (£638.54), leaving the sum of £86.46 to be added to the surplus carried forward from last year's event, which means that we have **£559.28** in hand towards Christmas 2014.

The total amount we had raised this Rotary year for the End Polio Now campaign, **£653.12**, has been sent to Rotary Foundation. (Thanks to a 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation this donation will enable **4,900** children to be vaccinated against polio).

Balances at 27/2/14 – Trust Current account = £938.64; Trust Deposit account = £6,164.43.

Tree Planting ~ Village Green:

A group led by Geoff Holland, (Friends of Brigg Village Green) and Colin Horton, (North Lincolnshire Council Tree Officer) assisted by Brigg Rotary Club members as labourers, have recently planted 300 young trees with attached stakes and protectors to 'green-up' and support the wild life in this already attractive area.



North Lincolnshire Council supported by Friends of Brigg Village Green are committed to providing the essential aftercare for the trees over the next two or three years so that they get established and can then significantly enhance this area for public enjoyment. It will then allow a careful pruning of the established existing trees.

The land previously known as The Paddock is off Station Approach near the Council Offices and was recently designated a Village Green, following a successful application by Geoff Holland; it offers a quiet rural oasis on the edge of town.

It is planned to continue the tree planting as more trees become available; if everyone planted rather than cut down

trees then the climate would greatly benefit from their ability to improve our atmosphere by removing carbon dioxide and increasing oxygen levels.

Disability Games:

All of the competitors are looking forward to the next Rotary Disability Games event being held at **Barnsley Metrodome on Sunday 30th March 2014**. As well as having a fun and rewarding day - all participants receive a medal, tee-shirt and lunch and some 80+ trophies are presented at the end of the day. The games attract 450+ participants and have been held for several years now all around Rotary District 1270. Winning competitors in the ten disciplines that make up the games programme are eligible to participate in the national games held later in the year. Anyone wishing to find out more about competing or volunteering to help on the day can contact Julie Whitelock on 07713 880256.

Looking further ahead to the next few years the Rotary Club of



Scunthorpe, supported by several other local Rotary Clubs are hosting the 2015 and 2016 District 1270 Disability Games at The Pods in Scunthorpe, firstly on Sunday 26th April 2015.

The following links shows the value of the games to disabled athletes of all abilities in the



local community: <http://vimeo.com/73368101> and www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPRROcRjPSg

Rotary is offering Corporate Sponsorship opportunities for local businesses to be named as an event partner with advertising on merchandise and promotional material displayed during the day as well as in the event programme. For more information about this please again contact Julie Whitelock on 07713 880256.

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Community and Vocational Service: Chair – Chris Darlington

Brigg Rotary members held a collection at Brigg Tesco in November 2013 to help victims of the awful Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Many thanks to Tesco for allowing us to collect. Generous shoppers meant that we raised £944, topped up to **£1,000** by an additional club donation; this has allowed us to donate **three** shelter boxes that provide accommodation for a family. A further collection raised £508 for 'Rotary's End Polio Now'. Again my thanks to shoppers for their support and we now expect that India will be declared Polio free later this year when the country has not had any cases of the infection for three years.



Our annual Christmas Hampers appeal in the Brigg area was very generously supported and Brigg Rotary would like to thank the following shops and companies that gave us a record **£725**. They are Peacock & Binnington, Gladrags, Climatise, and Petticoats of Brigg, Ink It, Dents of Brigg NISA, Farmstar Ltd., RBM Agricultural, Centrica, G Broughton & Sons, Monument Garage Ltd., DDM Agriculture, Brown & Co., Thomas Bell & Sons, Bennett Potatoes of Scawby, Hetts Johnson Whiting Solicitors and Brigg Business Partnership. This allowed us to distribute a record 40 hampers in Brigg and surrounding villages just before Christmas. Special thanks to Brigg Fruit, Veg. and Flowers shop and Dents NISA who provided all of the food and Bennett of Scawby who provided all of the hampers and sacks of

potatoes too. A special mention to Dents NISA customers who, by buying specific items throughout the year, were able to donate **£110** through a NISA (Making a Difference) donation. All of the above will receive a Rotary Certificate of appreciation presented in person by our President, Linda, and of course a letter of thanks. This generous act has made a difference to those people who enjoyed a far better Christmas through the generosity of local business.

The Disability Games held at the Barnsley Metrodome provided the opportunity for 23 disabled young people to compete on the day in events that ranges from swimming and weight lifting, to darts, table tennis, kurling, snooker, rifle shooting, archery and boccia. Our team had some great achievements and success with a winner's trophy for Karen Johnson in the Darts and Graham Darley



receiving a special Endeavour Award for his efforts in the archery event. They were lucky enough to have their awards presented by two British Paralympian athletes. The event could not have run as smoothly without the kind volunteers on the day and contestants from Brigg Gateway, Lincolnshire House, Beck Farm and Lowfield House are looking forward to the next games also to be in Barnsley in 2014 before they arrive in Scunthorpe in 2015.

Certificates have been presented by President, Linda, and Team Leader and Organiser, Julie, to those Homes taking part as a reminder to other residents that they too can 'have a go' and enjoy the thrill of competition regardless of their various disabilities.

Our work in schools continues with supporting weekly reading sessions in local primary schools and we are running a short story competition with the schools this



term. We have also been providing four interview practice sessions in each school to 68 students of the Vale Academy and Sir John Nelthorpe schools. The feedback from both schools and their students has been very positive.

Additionally we have provided £300 to sponsor two students from the Brigg Sixth Form College to attend a Rotary residential leadership course that lasts four days. The students will then come and give a talk about their experiences to the Club as we recognise that these students may well become the captains of industry sustaining future prosperity and providing jobs for the country.

At the Vale Academy, the Rotary Club was privileged to audition twelve hopeful musicians for two places to represent Brigg Rotary Club in a District Competition. All the young musicians were wonderful and it was a hard decision but finally we managed to decide on two pupils who will represent the Club and perform at the District Competition in April.

President Linda will be presenting Brigg Food Bank with £500 to help it continue its worthy work. The Rotary Club were delighted when we helped to collect over one and a half tons of food from TESCO shoppers just before Christmas showing the amazing generosity of people from Brigg and local villages. Tesco generously added to the purchases by adding a further 30%; many thanks.

International - Nick Wells

The club has agreed to donate **£500** towards a Bangladesh Water Wells Project being organised by Lincoln Lindum Rotary Club, our donation means they have reached their **£8,000** target and the project can go ahead. This is a Rotary International match funded project, forming part of a project costing **\$80,000**. It will help **75,000** people receive clean water, something that we take for granted. We all look in horror at the TV when the flooding experienced in this country leaves raw sewage in people's homes and on their land, what must it be like to think that sewage may be in your water supply every day and all year?

Club Service – Angela Lawrence

It hardly seems possible that 2014 is so well advanced and so far no snow! There is not a lot to report from Club Service but here is what we have.

Our membership secretary, Steve Pearce reports that membership is healthy at present. However, there is always room for more! Please bring along your friends and colleagues whom you feel may like to join us and let them see what a fun and lively club we are.

Attendance and apologies are in the very capable hands of Ian Watson so please keep him informed if you are unable to attend. Several members have undergone a food hygiene course and will now be able to take responsibility and advise the rest of us in any activity that involves food handling for the public.

We are continuing to monitor and liaise with Arties Mill over the meals with Rotarians taking turns in this. This does seem to have brought about a better standard and quality.

The next **Partner's Night will be on Thursday 15th May** when we will be visiting **RAF Scampton**. The visit will commence at **6pm** when we will view the Dambusters exhibition and afterwards we will head off to Ingham for a meal. Looking further ahead in the year, our **Charter is booked for Sunday 23rd November** and again will be at Hemswell Cliff. Make a note in your diary!

Foundation - No report

Farming Advice Section:

- 1. Never kick a cow pat on a hot day.*
- 2.. There are two theories to arguing with a farmer's wife . . Neither works.*
- 3. Always drink upstream from the herd.*
- 4. The quickest way to double your subsidy money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.*
- 5. There are three kinds of farmer: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to urinate on the electric fence and find out for themselves.*
- 6. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*
- 7. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.*
- 8. Lettin' the farm cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back.*
- 9. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a farmer came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.*

General Education Section:

- 10. A women asks man who is travelling with six children, "Are all these kids yours?" The man replies, "No, I work in a condom factory and these are customer complaints".*