

By George

newsletter

February 2008

Quiz Night Raises £650

The International Committee organised a very successful Quiz Night at the Royal George last Monday. There had been a concern about the number of teams booked before the event. However, with support from club members, the room was full on the night.

The quiz was run by popular local quiz master Vince Smith and his team of helpers. Vince has helped us before, and said that he would be happy to help us again if needed.

Since the prizes were donated, and neither Vince nor the hotel made a charge for the event, all money collected will go to the Chernobyl Children Life Line - Perth Link. Entrance fees, a raffle, and donations added up to £650.

UN Secretary General Meets with Rotary Leaders

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon met with Rotary leaders and praised Rotarians for their commitment to polio eradication during a visit to Chicago on 7th February.

“Rotary International has led a worldwide campaign to wipe out polio. Sometime soon, their work will be done. Polio will be history, like smallpox,” Ban said.

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson presented Ban with the Rotary International Award of Honor in recognition of his support for polio eradication and his dedication to furthering peace and cross-cultural understanding.

Rotary's close ties with the UN date back to 1945 when 49 Rotarians helped draft the UN charter.

For Your Diary

Albert Donaldson	20 Feb	bottle	Ian Marr	20 Feb	door
Graham Fleming	27 Feb	bottle	Jim Moyes	27 Feb	door
Louis Flood	5 Mar	bottle	Ian Mutch	5 Mar	door
John Fox	12 Mar	bottle	George Pollock	12 Mar	door
Enrico Frattaroli	19 Mar	bottle	David Ramsay	19 Mar	door
John Fyfe	26 Mar	bottle	Euna Scott	26 Mar	door
John Galbraith	20 Feb	speaker	Alexander Stewart	20 Feb	door
Graham Harding	27 Feb	speaker	Heather Stewart	27 Feb	door
Fergus Harris	5 Mar	speaker	Bruce Thomson	5 Mar	door
Alex Hay	19 Mar	speaker	Neil Townend	12 Mar	door
Richard Higgs	26 Mar	speaker	Roger Ward	19 Mar	door
			Maureen Young	26 Mar	door

February Council Meeting

President Rob will attend the next Zone meeting on 25 February, and the District Council meeting in Dundee on 4 March. Other attendees would be welcome at the District Council.

Council approved a leave of absence for Ian Mutch from 19 January to 5 March.

Accounts for the 7 months to 31 January 2008 were presented; these show balances on the Club's accounts, as follows:

- 1) Club service account £6,163.32
- 2) Hospitality account £1,726.33
- 3) Charity account £7,646.55

The Club account will reduce shortly when a Dewars Centre ceilidh invoice is received and paid, and by the 2nd instalment of the RIBI levies of £1.014.63 (since paid, Ed.). Similarly the Charity account has been inflated by initial charity dinner receipts. The only significant payment since Council last met is a £410.00 RYLA deposit.

The Old Folks' Ceilidh will be held in the Salutation hotel on 11 March at a cost of £350.00. In addition there will be a fee for the entertainers at the same level as last year.

The mock interviews with young people from St Columba's High School will take place on 26 March.

Ian Mutch is to attend 2 meetings with the Young Carers' organisation; the first with the ad hoc committee responsible for organising the activities day (21 February) and later (3 March) with a representative group of the young carers to find out what they would like to do.

A party of 11 will visit Aschaffenburg in April; details have been sent to Germany.

Jim Moyes has organised a fund raising event using leisure pool staff for Water Aid Day (22 March).

Plan International Kenya; given the ongoing troubles in that country Alex Hay is keeping in touch with the aid organisation. They cannot provide specific information at the moment but asked that we consider a special donation to help with the extra support work that will inevitably be required. Council approved £120 for this effort.

Average attendance for the first 4 weeks of the new year is 74%. The April to June duty rota is now on the Club notice board and members are asked to check the details and make the appropriate speakers' arrangements.

Alexander Stewart is looking for input from convenors to publicise the many upcoming opportunities to promote the Club's efforts in the community.

Following Gail Mackay's induction membership stands at 46.

The Charity Sportsman's Dinner is now fully subscribed. However more club members are needed, to welcome guests and to help with the auction.

Directory

There are no changes to the directory this month.

Events

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| 29 Feb | Sportsman's Dinner |
| 3 Mar 18:15 | District Roadshow, MacDiarmid Pk |
| 3 Mar 19:30 | Council meeting |
| 11 Mar | Senior Citizens Ceilidh |
| 17 Mar 19:00 | Primary Schools Quiz, Salutation |
| 19 Mar 18:30 | International Evening |
| 22 Mar | Water Aid Day |
| 26 Mar | Mock Interviews |
| 7 Apr 19:30 | Council meeting |
| 23 Apr | Club AGM |
| 25 - 27 Apr | Aschaffenburg visit |
| 27 Apr | District AGM |

And Finally ...

*It's never wise to advertise
the worries you possess.
Life's much more fun if everyone
decides to grumble less.
So why complain? There's naught to gain
by sounding so depressing.
Let cares go by and always try
to count each little blessing.*

The Editor

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