

By George

newsletter

November 2008

Perth St Johns Curlers triumph and bring home the silverware

President Neil's Blog!

A successful joint meeting in October was held with the Perth club to hear the RIBI President Ian Thomson. Many attendees reckoned it was the best address from a national president for a long time.

We continued our fellowship with Rotarians from other clubs in the Gavel competition. Thanks to Gail who despite being thrown in at the deep end set it all up and did a sterling job. See report opposite.

There was fellowship of a different sort in our evening meeting with partners when I think everyone who was there enjoyed hearing the experiences of Eve Graham in her world-wide pop career. Her very natural style and delivery made it difficult to believe she had not spoken to a group in this way before. Thankfully she did not try to teach us how to sing for I doubt we would have achieved "perfect harmony"!

Thanks in advance to Rob and Mike Jamieson who will be going with me to the District Council in Aberdeen this month.

Make sure you check the details attached to this issue of the December parcel distribution project; we do need every member to help with this huge service to some of the needy folk in our community.

It makes you think – time was when members took sacks of logs as winter fuel out to those in need; now most members get *their* winter fuel contribution from the government!

President Neil

Note from the Editor

There will be no issue of By George in December. Next issue will be in January

PKAVS Christmas Goodwill Parcel Delivery YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

One of the very successful and popular club activities is helping one of our major local charities, PKAVS, by delivering Christmas Goodwill Parcels for them. This year we shall be looking to deliver an estimated 300 parcels to those in the Perth area who are less favoured than ourselves. The parcels will be available for us to deliver from Mon 8th to Fri 19th December 2008.

Please see the attached information sheet on how it works. We look forward to your support.

Graham Fleming

Rotary Gavel:

The fellowship with Perth Kinnoull, West Fife and St Andrews was always good but the results were not so good.

We did beat West Fife soundly and secured a narrow victory over St Andrews but lost to Kinnoull by a mere 2 points. We will not be going forward to the next round, but then did we ever? Almost one third of members took part in the competition for us – well done.



Weekly Duty Rota: 19 Nov to 17 Dec 2008 - 12.30 unless otherwise stated

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Door Duty:</u>	<u>Door Duty:</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speakers Host & VOT:</u>
19 Nov	John MacItyre	Euna Scott	Alison Crook	Mike Buckley-Jones
26 Nov	Gail Mackay	Susan Scott	Albert Donaldson	Rob Burke
03 Dec	Ian Marr	Bill Smith	TBC	Business Meeting
10 Dec	Sally McCartney	Alexander Stewart	Graham Fleming	Mark Cairns
17 Dec	Jim Moyes	Heather Stewart	Loius Flood	Stuart Cameron

**Please note there will be no club meetings on 24 December and 31 December.
Lunchtime meetings restart on 7th January 2009 - Check the Notice Board for January Duties**

Summary of the Meeting of Council held on 10th November 2008

PP George Beaton reported that Bill Millar had produced a clock re-design, is arranging pricing and design for clubs to approve. Clubs shortly.

Breakfast club for Perth: Council agreed to look again at this District proposal. After much discussion it was concluded that while there was no appetite to proceed with the proposal at this time the Club would continue to investigate the concept further but attached no timescale to this plan.

RYLA: Council did not believe there was any new information which would justify any change to the decision taken at the Club's assembly not to participate.

RIBI President Ian Thomson wrote President Neil to thank the Club for co-hosting his recent visit to Perth.

President Neil, Treasurer Rob and PP Michael Jamieson are to attend the District Council meeting in Aberdeen on 16 November.

LOA applications from Enrico Frattarolli (6 wks from 15 Oct; & David Ramsay from 31 Oct to 31 Mar 09 were approved.

Revisions to RIBI insurances circulated.

RIBI new safety booklet; passed to PP George.

There will be an SGM on Wed 10 Dec to elect Club officers for 2009/10 & delegates to 2009 RIBI conference in Edinburgh.

Projects team tasked to consider which charities should receive the proceeds from the 2009 Charity Sportsman's Dinner.

Treasurers Report covering the period to 7 Nov. The balances on the Club accounts are as follows: Charity: £10,065.30 Club: £4,862.49 and Hospitality: £2,596.79. Charity account: major charity disbursements have been made; £10,000 from 'Full Length and Fabulous' to the local Young Carers group, also £488.68 to Dunolly Adventure for a young carers' day out. £6,000 from this year's Charity Sportsman's Dinner to the agreed charities. Also, £144 to Plan International and £100 sponsorship to Lorna Anderson. Hospitality account: £96 paid to the Royal George for hosting a gavel event; a further similar payment will follow.

Secretary David circulated audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2008 which were accepted by Council; these will be presented to the Club at Wednesday's business meeting. Michael Archibald was thanked for his work as Auditor. A submission to OSCR, based on these accounts, will be presented to the next Council meeting. It may be appropriate to consider changes to the Trustees at this meeting.

After advice from the PKC Community Care group the Senior Citizens Ceilidh will be held at the Salutation Hotel on Tuesday 10 February.

Perth 800; PKC have appointed an officer to co-ordinate events in 2010. President Neil hopes to lead a delegation consisting of the 3 Perth Rotary Club presidents to meet the Provost to see how Rotary can get involved. Graham Harding is keen to remain the link man for this project.

Christmas goodwill parcel delivery; Graham Fleming, Albert Donaldson and Bruce Thomson will lead on this project. The delivery programme will run from 8 December until 19 December. Some 300 parcels are expected.

Young Carers Day Out; A day visit to RAF Leuchars has been arranged for 8 July 2009.

Primary Schools quiz; the heats have to be completed by 31 March with the District final held in Old Meldrum on 6 June.

Shoebboxes; these should be returned within the next 2 weeks.

Shelter boxes; we have a budget of £750 and given the appeals just received Council agreed this should be immediately disbursed.

The average attendance after 19 meetings is 68%. 5 members are below 50%; no action was considered necessary.

Publicity; a very good response to the recent cheque presentation. PP Maureen is working with the PA to get special coverage for the recent 'FLAF' £10,000 presentation.

Given the poor response to the '3 Clubs' Christmas Ceilidh' it was decided to cancel the event. Any cancellation charges will be paid out of the hospitality account. President Neil will speak to the other Clubs to seek contributions to these costs.

Speakers' review; it was decided to give £100 to the 'Life Straws' project.

There will be a special 'membership' lunch on Wed 28 Jan 09. Members will be encouraged to bring along potential members. Guest costs will be met from the hospitality account.

Perth St Johns Curlers in devastating form and bring home the silverware!

At the Curling Competition for the Edinburgh Trophy against the other two Perth Clubs on Thu 6th Nov the Perth St John's curlers were in devastating form winning all four games.

John Fyfe received the Trophy on behalf of the winning team. Interviewed later by the **By George** curling correspondent. John stated that he put this win down to hard work and concentration by everyone in the team.



He particularly paid tribute to Mark Cairns and Paul Kyle who are new to curling and are already displaying considerable skill and enthusiasm. The Curlers will look forward to defending the Trophy next year.

Stuart Cameron, Ian Mutch, David Grant and Rob Burke played in the first rounds of the Rams Head Competition on Sun 2nd Nov. While they won the first game against the Rotary Club of Glasgow they lost the second game against the Rotary Club of Perth. The top four teams go through to the next stage but as we finished in 5th place we just missed out.

On a brighter note Perth St Johns have played the first two rounds of the Perthshire Rotary League winning both games and are at present top of the league.

Forthcoming Events For Your Diary:

For fuller and up to date information visit our website at www.perthsjrotary.org.uk

01 Dec	Council Meeting
08 - 19 Dec	Goodwill Parcel Deliveries
10 Dec	Club SGM (See Council Summary)
17 Dec	Christmas Lunch
05 Jan	Council Meeting
08 Jan	1st Meeting of 2009

Please send news items and contributions to Ian Mutch or ByGeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk by 09 January 2009

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