

# By George

newsletter

February 2009

## A BUSY TIME FOR THE PERTH ST JOHNS!

### President Neil's Blog!

It's time to start making plans for our visitors from our twin club in Aschaffenburg who will be visiting us over the first weekend in May. These events have always been enjoyed by our members and there is every sign that a large number of our friends from Germany are proposing to make the trip to Perth this year. How can you get involved? Well, you could have a couple to stay in your home for the two nights, you could offer to host a meal in your home for some of our guests, you could provide transport to or from Edinburgh Airport, you could accompany our guests on one or more of the planned excursions etc. etc. etc. If you haven't been involved before give it a try this time; you are very likely to enjoy yourself! If you've taken part in previous visits I'm sure you'll be back for more. Full details will be circulated in the club next month but for now make sure the dates are in your diary: May 1st to the 3rd. And if you're a good forward planner then pencil in a return trip to Aschaffenburg in 2010.

On a personal note I regret my attendance in recent weeks has not been as good as I would have wished; Chris's mother is hospitalised in Yorkshire just now so this has caused a number of trips south, some at very short notice. Hopefully the situation can be resolved soon and I can be at all our meetings. Meantime thanks to Ian and all who have covered for me in one way or another.

President Neil.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR.... again**

PLEASE SEND ME STORIES AND ARTICLES WITH PICTURES, ESPECIALLY THOSE RUNNING AN EVENT. PICTURES REALLY HELP TELL THE STORY SO MUCH BETTER THAN WORDS.

In future **By George** will be issued towards the end of the month to allow for everything we want to include to be available

### Sportsman's Dinner



Watch out for the March Edition, when a full report on what was a very successful evening will appear.

### Senior Citizens Ceilidh



A great night was had by all who attended the Senior Citizens Ceilidh at the Salutation Hotel on February 10th. Although numbers were down on last year all who attended enjoyed lots of great music and signing with refreshments at the interval.

### Weekly Duty Rota: 04 to 25 March 2009 - 12.30 pm unless otherwise stated

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Door Duty:</u>	<u>Door Duty:</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speakers Host &amp; VOT:</u>
04 Mar	Stuart Cameron	Maureen Young	Alex Hay	Enrico Frattaroli
11 Mar	Ian Agnew	Alison Crook	Richard Higgs	BUSINESS MEETING
18 Mar	Michael Archibald	David Cuthbert	Tom Howie	John Fyfe
25 Mar	George Beaton	Albert Donaldson	Brian Kitching	John Galbraith
01 Apr	Mike Buckley - Jones	Heather Stewart	Paul Kyle	Graham Harding

## A Summary of the Meeting of Council held on 9th February 2009

### **Matters arising:**

President Neil thanked VP Paul for providing PKC lapel badges.

### **President's Items:**

SVP Ian is to attend the Zone 7 meeting in Perth on 16/02.

Willie Coupar of the Perth Club is asking the support of the Perth Clubs and adjoining Clubs for the Black Watch Museum appeal; Council approved £100 which matches the Perth Kinnoull contribution.

Ian Mutch raised the question of whether By George could be both better and more efficiently produced as part of the Club website. It was suggested that this be taken to the AGM.

Council agreed to pay for annual licences/software to permit multi access for members to input data directly to the website.

### **Secretary's items:**

VP Ian is to attend PETS on 14 March (in Perth)

The next District Council meeting is to be held in Dundee on Tuesday 3 March; President Neil is to attend.

Council approved leave of absence for Mike Buckley-Jones from 21 January to 11 February.

We are to host this year's Craigenargity trophy event during the week commencing 16 August; VP Ian to note.

### **Treasurer's report:**

The balances on the Club accounts are as follows: Charity acc: £9,951.98 / Club acc: £,627.72 / Hospitality acc: £2,327.89

Charity account: the balance includes Sportsman's dinner ticket sales of £747 and the in final payment from the GWL – since its inception this lottery has generated £642 for the Club.

Club account: half-year RIBI dues of £924.50 paid.

### **Service Projects (Paul Kyle and Graham Fleming):**

Senior citizens ceilidh: 85 attendees are expected

Perth 800: the VPs and JVPs of the 3 Perth Clubs are to meet shortly with PKC to see whether we can play a joint role in the celebrations.

Graham had a very useful and positive meeting with PKAVS which has highlighted improvements to the Christmas parcel delivery project.

Primary Schools' quiz: 8 schools will attend the final in the Salutation hotel on 10 March.

Mock interviews: feedback is still awaited from St Columba's.

### **Club Administration (Ian Marr):**

Average attendance after 5 meetings – 67%; 5 members are below 50%. 3 members are on leave of absence.

Aschaffenburg visit: Given the timing of this visit it was agreed to move the Club's AGM to 22 April.

Speakers have been arranged through to the end of March and some slots in May/June filled.

### **Membership (Stuart Cameron):**

6 guests attended the membership lunch; the speaker was excellent and the feedback from those attending was very positive; the membership team will keep in touch with those

potential members who attended in the hope that some may be turned into applicants.

### **Ways and Means (Michael Jamieson):**

Sportsman's Dinner; arrangements are well in hand albeit numbers are down.

Given the present economic climate there will be no 'Full Length and Fabulous 2' this year; the team will look at an alternative and more modest fund raising event.

### **AOCB:**

George Mortimer trophy will be handed over to the Perthshire Music Festival – it is to be used for the class 16 Scottish Country Dancing competition. President Neil and a member of George's family will be invited to be present at the presentation of the award. It was agreed to recommend to the Club that we spend up to £700 on this; plus an additional sum to provide a secure box for storage and movement purposes.

**Date of next meeting is Monday 9 March 2009 at 7.30 pm.**

## MEMBERS LUNCH & SHELTERBOX

I would like to thank the all the members who brought along a guest to our special lunch on the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. We had six prospective members present all of which enjoyed the experience.



Time will tell how many will eventually join us but the membership committee will continue to keep in touch with them and encourage them along the way. I feel it certainly was a worthwhile exercise and I would encourage members who know of anyone who might be interested in Rotary to invite them along to a lunch meeting on any Wednesday that suits them.

**Stuart Cameron**

**Membership Convenor**

## **Forthcoming Events For Your Diary:**

<b>03 Mar</b>	<b>District Council, Dundee</b>
<b>09 Mar</b>	<b>Club Council Meeting, RG Hotel at 7.30 pm</b>
<b>10 Mar</b>	<b>Primary School Quiz, Salutation Hotel</b>
<b>11 Mar</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
<b>22 Apr</b>	<b>CLUB AGM - note change of date</b>
<b>01 - 03 May</b>	<b>Aschaffenburg Visit</b>

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