

By George

newsletter **JULY 2009**



PYC leaders and volunteers joined the excursion and leader Lori thanked St Johns for what she described as "a real experience" and a "fabulous day out" for the youngsters.



Chatting with the young carers, Rob and Maureen realised just how important these days are to children of all ages who spend their lives caring for a loved one. One little girl new to the group was enjoying her

President Ian's Blog...

Things are progressing in terms of the joint project for the three Rotary Clubs for the Perth 800th Celebrations. We are likely to be doing an event on July 2nd 2010 on what is to be designated Perth Day. This will be Perthshire on a Plate which will involve stalls, probably on Tay Street, providing people with the opportunity to taste the different fare on offer at a wide variety of Perth eating establishments. The idea is that people will buy a book of tokens to a value of £10, £20, £30 etc. These will have tokens each worth £2. They can exchange these to get a small taste of the food from each stand. Rotary will make a profit on the hire of each stand and also on a Recipe book contributed to by those involved. This may be available in advance of the event and certainly during and following the event. More details of how this will work will be available in due course.

Aschaffenburg Schonbusch Rotary have been in touch with us to indicate that they hope to get actively involved in a youth exchange between Perth and Aschaffenburg which will be primarily organised by the City Council in each town. We discussed this briefly at Council recently and will come back to the club when this possibility is a bit clearer. In the interim please feel free to let me know what you think.

President Ian

YOUNG CARERS HAVE A GREAT DAYOUT AT RAF LEUCHARS.....

Our own Maureen Young and Rob Burke got a taste of the "high life" recently when they accompanied a group of Young Carers on a St Johns Rotary Club sponsored day out at RAF Leuchars. The two big kids joined 10 real youngsters on a tour of the Fife base visiting everything from the firefighting centre, ejection and survival training, maintenance workshops and the Tornado fighter jet Top Guns themselves at 111 Squadron. Everyone voted the day a great success and the cost to the club was minimal with treasurer Rob at hand to fund a lunch break at the base restaurant and mounds of Pic'n'Mix for the bus journey.

first day out with them and, after a shy and awkward start, blossomed to become the star of the day - enchanting a group of visiting US airmen to part with a coveted "Jolly Green Giant" embroidered badge.

"They're getting the chance to be themselves for the day," explained Lori. "Time away from the pressures and stresses of their family commitments to just be kids. Days like this are a rare treat for them and we couldn't do it without the generosity of people such as St Johns Rotarians."

And the highlight of the day for our two "fly guys"?

Well it has to be sitting in the pilot's seat of a Tornado for Rob - albeit he wasn't allowed to fire her up. And for Mo? Has to be the sugar rush after sampling a few of the RAF survival pack sweets that keep you going for four hours each!



PERTH SHOW - YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

JIM URQUHART HAS BEEN EMAILING EVERYONE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR BOTH THE FRIDAY AND THE SATURDAY. ITS GREAT FUN AND FULL OF GOOD ROTARY FELLOWSHIP. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM ASAP.

Weekly Duty Rota: 29 July to 02 September - 12.30 pm unless otherwise stated

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Door Duty 1:</u>	<u>Door Duty 2:</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speakers Host & VOT:</u>
July 29	Rob Burke	Bert Macdonald	Neil Townend	James Moyes
August 5	Mark Cairns	Brian Kitching	John Watson	Susan Scott
August 12	Stuart Cameron	Michael Jamieson	Jim Urquhart	BUSINESS MEETING
August 19	Fergus Harris	To Be Advised	Maureen Young	Ian Mutch
August 26	Alison Crook	Paul Kyle	Michael Archibald	Bill Smith
September 2	David Cuthbert	John Macintyre	George Beaton	Alexander Stewart

Summary of the Meeting of Council held on 6th July 2009

Matters arising:

Secretary David spoke to Bob Reid of the Perth Kinnoull Club re fund raising effort behind John Mollison's Atlantic rowing epic. Bob confirmed that funds may be specifically earmarked for BLESMA (both Perth Clubs have done this) rather than towards the costs of the event. On this basis Council approved a donation of £250.

President Ian is to speak to Louis Flood regarding possible Club representation at the Chernobyl barbecue.

President's Items:

Council decided 'apologies' should continue to feature as part of the Club's weekly meeting procedures.

Perth 800: President Ian described in more detail the proposed 3 Clubs' project 'Perthshire on a Plate' taking place on 'Perth Day', the 2nd of July 2010 and will likely be held on Tay Street. Perthshire Chamber of Commerce have promised their backing. Council approved the Club's continuing involvement.

Council were very supportive of the idea of making the Black Watch an honorary member of the Club, probably through a representative member – the Colonel of the Regiment. To be discussed with the Regiment prior to putting a formal proposal to the Club; this will need a special resolution (14 days notice) for discussion at a business meeting.

President Ian circulated an email from President Thilo of the Rotary Club of Schonbusch in Aschaffenburg which proposes a youth exchange between the 2 cities. For further investigation.

Secretary's items:

Catrina Cochrane-Mills has resigned; noted with regret.

Council approved IPP Neil's request for '85' rule status.

International Service 2008/09 Annual Feedback form; JVP Heather is to attend to this RIBI return in consultation with VP Paul.

Proposed changes to District Standing Orders; these are to be discussed at the District Council meeting at District conference; PP Michael Jamieson was given discretionary voting authority albeit Council was generally supportive of the changes.

District Council meetings in 2009/10 are 15 November in Aberdeen and 2 March in Dundee.

District PETS meetings 2009/10 are 7 March, Perth; 14 March, Aberdeen and 20 March in Inverness.

Events to be announced to the Club include: Perth Kinnoull Charity team golf tournament at Dunkeld on 2 September.

Treasurer's report :

Draft accounts for 2008/09 circulated to Council and passed to Michael Archibald for audit.

The balances on the Club accounts are as follows: Charity acc: £10,215.93 / Club acc: £3,109.96 / Hospitality acc: £1,800.00

Charity account: Final sponsorships for the Polio Plus 'parachute jump' received; total contributions £1,361.19 (from 27 members). Donations from the Charity dinner of £1,500 each, paid to Shelterbox and Cash for Kids.

Club account: First few subscriptions received. 1 hosting dinner and a few payments are still outstanding. Paid: President's allowance 2009/10 - £275 plus sundry expenses totalling £108.47.

Council noted that the separate Hospitality deposit account had been closed although this fund will continue to be ring-fenced and separately reported on. Council decided that the weekly draw receipts should continue to be earmarked for hospitality purposes

Service Projects (Heather Stewart):

Heather reported that projects had been allocated to members.

Club Administration, Foundation and Membership:

No reports

Ways and Means (Michael Jamieson):

A committee meeting will be called after the end of the summer holiday season. In the meantime President Ian was asked to write Ann Gloag to see whether the holiday cottage previously donated would be available.

AOCB:

IPP Neil reported he had received an interesting letter and banner from the Rotary Club of Moree in NSW, Australia saying we had recently been the subject of their 'International Toast'. Neil will report this to the Club and recommend we respond in kind and suggest this should be a feature in our programme; each month at the close of the business meeting. Council readily concurred.

PP Maureen reported that the PRI stroke unit hoist we had sponsored had at last been installed. Publicity will follow. Council welcomed this news.

Date of next meeting: Monday 3 August 2009 at 6pm

SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEES

Convenor, JVP Heather Stewart announced her team at the Club Assembly at the beginning of July. So as Club Members know whos doing what here is the list.

Christmas Parcel Delivery: Lead by John Fyfe, with Bert MacDonald, Albert Donaldson & John Macintyre

Christmas Carol Singing: Lead by Louis Flood

Senior Citizens Ceilidh: Lead by Susan Scott, with Louis Flood

Mock interviews: Lead by John MacIntyre

Young Carers' Event: Lead by George Beaton, with Maureen Young

Primary Schools Quiz: Lead by Gail MacKay

Shoebox Appeal: Lead by Mark Cairns, with Albert Donaldson

Plan International: Lead by Brian Kitching

International Evening: Lead by Alexander Stewart & Maureen Young

Chernobyl Visits: Lead by Mike Buckley-Jones, with Michael Archibald

The budget proposed and approved was £5495 which included Emergency Donations unspecified

UPDATE on booking the Club Laptop & Projector:

If you need to use it or have it brought to a club event / lunch please contact me on my mobile. I will confirm the collection and return arrangements. If you are unable to contact me then contact Rob Burke. **Ian Mutch**

YOUR SUBS ARE NOW DUE

If you haven't paid your annual subscription yet, **please could you do so now**, as we have to pay RIBI and District dues in the first week of August. The total of £130 includes two optional items - a recommended donation of £18 to Foundation, and £20 to take part in the monthly draw.

Forthcoming Events For Your Diary:

31 July	PERTH SHOW STAND (Friday All Day)
01 August	PERTHSHOW STAND (Saturday All Day)
03 August	Club Council Meeting @ 1800 (note new time)
12 August	Club Business Meeting @ 1300
20 August	Craigendargity Bowling Comp (Host Club)
26 August	District Governor Visit to Club Lunch
07 Sept	Club Council Meeting @ 1800

Please send news items and contributions for the AUGUST Issue to Ian Mutch or bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk by 16 August 2009

Visit www.perthsjrotary.org.uk for full duty and diary details / Rotary Club of Perth St Johns Charitable Trust Fund, No: SC024989