

Club News Archive

2009- 2010
in reverse chronological order

July 2009 - June 2010



Club Walk - On 17th June 8 walkers started and finished at the Royal Oak Nunnington via Harome - seven miles in between showing the Ryedale countryside at its best.



Top Brass - The club received a visit from the District Governor et al at its club meeting on the 11th June.



Vocational visit to Warburtons - A party of Rotarians and their partners enjoyed a visit to the new bakery at Warburtons in Wakefield on 19th April 2010.

Stroke Awareness Day - On 17th April 2010, the club organised a free blood pressure testing day in the Coppergate Centre in York. This is a national project organised annually by Rotary and the Stroke Association to make people aware of how they can avoid a stroke and improve their health. In all over 532 people had their blood pressures checked and around 20% were advised to seek follow up advice from their doctor. A very busy day for those involved.

Bric-a-Brac at St Crux - This regular fundraising event raised over £860 on 13th April 2010. Another excellent result where the club receives support from individual members and from members of Inner Wheel.



6th Rotary Technology Tournament - 40 teams of four youngsters in three age categories from 16 York schools competed in this year's event at the National Railway Museum on 16th March. The task was to design and build - with simple materials provided - a beacon with a flashing light on top and displaying an advertising billboard. There were many ingenious solutions and the winning first teams in each section were from the left:-

Foundation 1st Tadcaster Grammar, 2nd Woldgate College, 3rd St Olaves

Intermediate 1st Lady Lumleys, 2nd St Peters, 3rd Canon Lee

Advanced 1st Lady Lumleys, 2nd Pocklington, 3rd Easingwold



And President Ian seemed pleased with the Rotaract Club members who came along to help.



New Members - At the club meeting on 12th March 2010, Craig Richardson and Philip Wiltshire were welcomed into the club by President Ian Stockley. Craig is an Assistant Director with the wealth management company Brewin Dolphin and is seen here on the left with his proposer Kevin Grogan. Philip seen here on the right, with his proposer Donald Heath is an engineer working in the railway industry all his life and fittingly in his retirement is the signals engineer for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.



Presidents Evening - The President welcomed distinguished guests and members to the Dante Suite at the race course on 5th March. The opportunity was taken to present Rotarian Bobby Hughes and his wife Catherine with a token of the club's appreciation for providing the accommodation used by the Club Council for their monthly meetings for over twenty five years. The after dinner entertainment was provided by Graham Kay and John Warburton.



Pictured on the left are the Presidents guests, District Governor Emyr Lloyd-Davies, President Ian, Councillor John Galvin, the Lord Mayor, Mrs Jill Burnett, the Sheriff, Helen Porter, President of the Inner Wheel Club of York and their partners.



York Coronary Support Group - The club presented a cheque for £500 to the York Coronary Support Group on 1st March 2010 to assist with their work.



Borthwick Institute - 26 Rotarians and partners had an interesting visit on 24th February to the Borthwick Archive Centre and were impressed with the work of Ron Sims a member of the club and renowned church architect held there.



End Polio Now - Rotarians held a street collection on 23rd February to further this world wide Rotary project to eliminate polio and raised £683.

Valentines Day - Seven chefs from the club cooked lunch for nearly 70 appreciative diners on Valentines Day. This was both a culinary and a financial success. The event raised over £900 for club charities.



International - On Friday 13th February, one of our own, Bobby Hughes spoke of the pleasure and fellowship to be gained from visits to and from our partner clubs, Aubusson, Erlangen, and Gorinchem. He also mentioned the forthcoming meeting of the clubs in Sarlat in France over the weekend of May 13-16th, to which a party of 17 Rotarians and their wives from York have already signed up.

President Ian and speakers host Dennis Adamson are pictured with Bobby Hughes.

Teams4U - On Friday 5th February Dave Cooke, the Director of Teams4U enthralled the club with an account of the work being undertaken in Europe and Africa and his life experiences.

President Ian and speakers host, Michael Wilson, are pictured with Dave Cooke.



Rotaract - The three Rotary Clubs in York, York, York Ainsty, and York Vikings, have been working together to re-launch the York Rotaract Club. A welcome evening was held at the University on Wednesday 3rd February, followed by a social evening on the 16th February. Their Inaugural Club Meeting is being held on Tuesday 23rd February at the Kings Manor at 19.30. For further information about Rotaract and their activities, go to their web site at www.yorkrotaract.org.uk



Community Service - The club is delighted to provide support to students from York University with their community projects. In the first project a group of students are involved in "Kids Out" and are here helping at their Xmas party in the Bell Farm Community Centre. President Ian is presenting a cheque for £150 to students, Nick Scarlett and Charlie Ward. In the second project, "Minds in Motion", medical students from the York & Hull medical school provide a monthly event for patients with dementia and their carers at their Harmony Cafe. President Ian is presenting a cheque for £300 to students Elizabeth Pickles and Sharik. President Ian was accompanied by Rotarians Denis Adamson and Mike Miller, Chairman of the Community Service Committee.



Ladies Day - On Friday 27th November our ladies joined us for lunch at York Race Course, where David Jesper was invested as Vice President and where our speaker Rev. Andrew Foster gave an entertaining address on his experiences as a hospital chaplain.



Dragon Boat Challenge 2010 - The nominated charity for 2010 was announced on Monday 23rd November. President Ian Stockley said:- " This year it was the unanimous decision of the club to select St Leonards in their jubilee year and support their new Hospice@Home initiative."

St Leonard's Hospice, 'Hospice@Home' Manager Julie Pickernell, is in the Hospice car, and Hospice nurses, with The York Rotary Dragon Boat Challenge 'Dragon' and President Ian.



"Treasure Chest South" - The Rotary Club of York have donated £250 to 'Treasure Chest South'. This is a local charity which has been set up to support the expansion of a breastfeeding support network in the centre and south of the city. There is a rapidly increasing emphasis being placed on promoting breastfeeding in the UK, with the WHO recommending that babies be exclusively breast fed for the first six months of life, providing major health benefits. Local training courses are being provided, and this money will go towards the costs of a ten-week breastfeeding peer support training programme.

The photograph shows Rotarians Mike Miller and Mo Hayward presenting the cheque to Nicola Bray and Nicola Clements of Treasure Chest



Scottish Invasion - York Rotarians welcomed District 1020 for their conference being held in York over the weekend of October 23rd- 24th

District Governor Alastair Davies from Edinburgh and the Borders greets York Rotarians Jim Murison Ainsty, President Ian Stockley, York, President Trevor Woodward, Vikings (left).

Ian Stockley, President of the York Club welcomed the visitors: "The three York Clubs are delighted that Rotary District 1020 has chosen our city for their annual conference. As far as we can ascertain this is the first time we have welcomed a 'foreign' conference and there has of course been a great deal of friendly banter with our visitors. The caravan will highlight the Rotary Polio project which, since it started 20 years ago, has eradicated this crippling disease from 97% of the world. I hope we'll have a lot of York people call in to see the incredible displays."



Shouksmith Trophy - At the club meeting on 16th October, the golf organiser, Tony Coward presented David Impey with the Shouksmith Trophy for winning the singles knockout competition and at the same meeting Tom Riordan, Chief Executive of "Yorkshire Forward" addressed the club



Leader of the Council - The leader of the Council, Andrew Waller was the speaker at the club meeting on the 9th October 2009 on his Vision for York.



Mansion House Reception - The Lord Mayor, Cllr John Galvin, hosted a reception at the Mansion House on 13th October 2009 for the teams participating in the York Rotary Dragon Boat Challenge, when team captains were presented with cheques for their nominated charities. The Lord Mayor, Cllr John Galvin said:

" This Rotary event has become in the last seven years something that thousands of York people enjoy as participants or spectators and the Rotary Club have to be congratulated on their initiative, their organisation and their efficiency. The civic party found it a stimulating experience and there was a real buzz on both banks of the river. Everybody put so much effort into making it a successful day and it's wonderful to think that so many local charities have benefited by so much over the years. Well done to you all and I hope the event will continue and grow"

From left to right, President Ian, Sandra Harper - York Samaritans, Alex Hunt - Night Stop, and the Lord Mayor. York Samaritans and York Night Stop were the main Charities supported.



Paul Harris Fellowship - At the club meeting on 21st August 2009, President Ian presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Eddie Benson to recognise his service to the community of Haxby and Wigginton for over 50 years. In receiving the award Eddie paid tribute to the support of many assistants and volunteers who had worked with him over that period.



Club Walk - The club walk on 20th August was well attended and took place in and around Marton cum Grafton and appears to have included a tour of the local graveyard - no accounting for taste?



Alpine Rotarians - The things some boys get up to! At over 7000 feet on the Susten Pass, David Thompson (pillion), John Molyneux and Patrick Shepherd admire the view. They did manage to find two doctors to accompany them, just in case! Their recent trip to the Alps took in Metz, Mulhouse, Andermatt, the Black Forest, and Luxembourg.



Bric-a-Brac at St Crux - This regular fundraising event raised over £1073 on 11th August 2009. Another excellent result where the club receives support from individual members and from members of Inner Wheel. On this occasion President Ian was in trouble for forgetting his wedding anniversary. The Chairman of Fund Raising Committee, John Russell rescued the situation by providing a "bouquet" from stock.



National President - The club was delighted to receive a visit from David Fowler, the National President, who spoke on the theme - "The future of Rotary is in your hands" at its club meeting on 7th August, 2009. Present also, seen from left to right, Emyr Lloyd-Davies, District Governor; Anne Godfrey, President York Ainsty; with National President David and Club President Ian; along with Daphne Fowler, the National Presidents wife, and Trevor Woodward, President York Vikings.



Music Therapy - The club donated £375 for the purchase of some musical instruments to the North Yorkshire Therapy Centre and on Friday 31st July Angela Harrison, the head therapist came along to demonstrate some of the multi-cultural instruments. Mike Miller, the Chairman of Community Service and our President are shown with Angela, along with members of the club "having a go"



Vocational Visit - The club visited "Village Green Preserves" at Wheldrake on 23rd July and found a thriving industry producing over 3 million jars of preserves a year to a range of outlets. It now has its own brand of "York Preserves" Suitably garbed the party ventured forth but some let the club down later, at least they weren't smoking!



Club Walk - The club walk on 16th July was well attended, however Steve was soon in difficulty getting his leg over to the amusement of the bystanders, but rest and recovery was available later at the Sawley Arms.



Mock Interviews - the club conducts mock interviews each year at Joseph Rowntrees School to help prepare students for the real thing when it comes to applying for jobs or University. Here the Chairman of the Vocational Committee, Frank Paterson, leads the interview panel.



Handover - At the club meeting on 3rd July President David Porter handed over to Ian Stockley, the President for 2009-10. A triumvirate, comprising past President, 07-08, David Rayner, immediate past President, 08-09, David Porter, and new President Ian Stockley (seen from left to right) all received their badge of office.