

Rotary Club of PETERHEAD



Newsletter - May 2017

Don't adjust your glasses, we're not being invaded by aliens, that big yellow thing in the sky is called the sun! Almost half way through the year and we have been enjoying glorious weather. In fact, in April, Britain was warmer than Spain. May is the 3rd and last month of spring and whilst spring lambs are jumping around the countryside our very own spring chicken, Ian Robertson turned 85 years young. Many happy returns also to May's flower - Liz Oates - our Lily of the Valley, well almost – Cruden Bay! This month saw our AGM and the appointment of a new Senior Vice President, a cheerio to Lisa, a clairvoyant evening, a sponsored walk and a wonderful afternoon tea. June looks to be just as busy with the bike ride and the visit to the Royal Highland Show. Cameras at the ready please !

News, Visits & Photos

Speakers / Guests

2nd May - AGM – Susan Ainscough is the new Senior Vice President following the resignation of Lisa Summers.

16th May – Club Assembly

Tonight, the Club were delighted to have with us Donald Miller, Assistant District Governor, all the way from Elgin. Donald is here to help us as a club and suggests that members visit the District 1010 conference in October at Coylumbridge - especially seeing how Elgin are organising it! District are also here to provide assistance to our Club with websites, promotions, publicity and events etc. If we have any problems – just pick up the phone.

Donald gave an inspirational talk but thinks we should be doing more and promoting ourselves better with photos in the papers, etc. Phyllis was quick to remind Donald of all the good things we have done this year alone and that we do provide photos and stories to the paper. Rotary have given many donations to worthwhile causes this year and just because we don't splash it all over various websites and social media doesn't mean that people don't know who we are or what good we are doing for our community. Donald said to attract new members we should be adapting our meetings and 'thinking out of the box' occasionally. Maybe try casual meetings, lunchtime get together's or in the pub one night. Don't just stick to Tuesday nights and formal suppers.

He said in Elgin, it's amazing how many people still don't know what/who Rotary is. They have introduced an annual Rotary Community Award and gives a certificate to someone who perhaps does a lot in the community and goes unrecognised. They recently gave their award to a street pastor who speaks to young people, especially at the weekends when the clubs empty and they may be alone or vulnerable. This made the front page of their paper and was great publicity. Finally, Donald offered one more bit of advice - Set achievable goals !

There are now 3 countries not polio free but at the same time, we are only 2% away from being clear of polio. All monies raised by Rotary Clubs are matched by Bill Gates Foundation. Donald reminded the club that RC's 'own' foundation funding.

23 May – A nice surprise tonight with a few visitors joining our meeting. Bob Forman and Eddie Gordon, both of the Ellon Rotary Club, enjoying a 'scatter meeting' and a guest (potential member?) Darren Sheaffe – Greene.

Other News & Events

Peterhead Rotary Club are to donate £50 of B&Q vouchers to Dales Park School to enable them to buy seats for their sensory garden.

Susan had received a thank you from former member Lisa Summers who was one of the organisers of the recent social work family day at Lupty Loos in Boddam. This was a great success and all the children had fun.

12th May - An Evening with Annie Moon Clairvoyant

Shirley and Susan organised a different kind of event, an evening with the popular clairvoyant Annie Moon. 'is there anybody there?' well yes actually, 66 people attended this interesting, and for some, emotional night with refreshments and a raffle at half time. Thanks to everybody who attended and donated raffles. After all deductions, over £700 was raised for club funds.



26th May – Schools Sponsored Walk

The weather couldn't have been better on Friday morning/afternoon for the local schools to come together and walk the Buchan Line from Peterhead to Longside to raise funds for their own schools. Peterhead Rotary Club were asked if they would assist by becoming marshals along the way. Hopefully they all raised plenty money to buy equipment for their schools.

27th May - Tea Party

With the sun shining, 63 local residents made their way (with the assistance of Rotarians) to the Salvation Army Hall to attend this year's annual tea party. Unfortunately there were a few who couldn't make it this year but hopefully next year they too can enjoy a day out with lovely people, entertainment and delicious food. A big thank you to Phyllis for organising this event and thanks also to the ladies of the Salvation Army for serving the refreshments and to Buchanhaven School Choir who entertained everybody with a great selection of mixed songs from traditional Scottish melodies to modern pop tunes. Finally the raffles were drawn and thanks to everyone who donated prizes.



Forthcoming Events

Rotary Bike Ride – 17-18th June. Details to follow.

Visit to the Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh - Friday 23rd June. Neil (one of the vice presidents of the RHS) has kindly offered to organise a bus trip to the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh. Any members and family who would like to go, please give your names to Dave or Neil. This year, the chosen area being showcased is Aberdeenshire so there will be lots of businesses, exhibitors and traders well known to us, offering the best that Aberdeenshire can offer. This year, The Royal Highland Show is on from 22nd to 25th June.



Variety Concert – 21st July. As part of Scottish Week, Phyllis is again organising the variety concert – further details to come nearer the time.

Ploughing Match – 14th October - details to follow

Harvest Concert – 15th October - details to follow

District 1010 Conference – 27-29th October – ‘Working Together’
This year’s conference will be held at Coylumbridge Hotel, Aviemore. Further details to follow.

Rotas for June

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
6.6.17	R. Emslie	R.Allan	N. Godsman (followed by council meeting)
13.6.17	P. Mundie	M.Pearce	Council meeting feedback
20.6.17	S.Ainscough	J.Johnston	R.Berl
27.6.17	M.Pearce	I.Robertson	Fellowship