

Rotary Club of PETERHEAD



Newsletter - October 2017



Whooooo! It's that time of year again when all kinds of weird and wonderful creatures leave their lairs and venture out on a cold, dark night.... and come to the Gaval !! Yes, October is Gaval month which again proved to be another 'howling' success.

Of course October is also Mike Pearce's birthday and this year it was a very special one - 75 years young. Happy birthday Mike and best wishes from us all. Lots of stories and photos this month and remember, if you would like something included in the next edition, please forward it to me I wont BITE !



News, Visits & Photos



Matumaini School

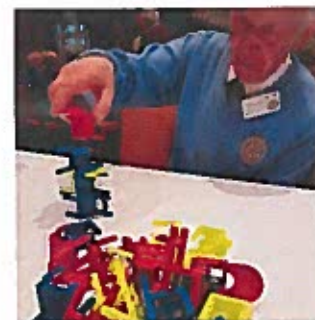
Andrew Buchan – Matumaini School Update

Last month we had the pleasure of Andrew Buchan telling us all about his forthcoming visit back to the Matumaini School of Hope in Tanzania. 6 months ago Andrew aimed to raise £1000 for new pillows and pillow slips. By the end of September, he had raised almost £5000 ! Now Andrew is back and is planning an evening of Movies, Tales and Celebration of his recent trip on Thursday 2nd November from 7 – 9pm at the Buchanhaven Heritage Centre. Teas/Coffees and cakes will be served with a collection at the door for the School of Hope. Hopefully in the near future he will return to Rotary with his wonderful stories and pictures from his recent travels.

Other News & Events

Gaval - 3rd October 2017

The Palace Hotel and our own club were hosts on 3rd October for this year's Gaval. Peterhead fought long and hard but unfortunately were just one golf ball away from victory. Ok, that's not completely true but at least our club wasn't last! To be truthful, win or lose, everybody had a cracking night and congratulations have to go to the Ellon Club winners and to everybody who organised it. Praise also to the Palace for an excellent buffet.



Ploughing Match & Harvest Concert - 21st & 22nd October

Longside was a hive of activity (and tractors) on Saturday 21st October as a fantastic turnout made their way through the village to the annual ploughing match. As the troupes gathered, so did the rain clouds and unfortunately, despite our best weather dance, the heavens opened! However, a little bit of rain couldn't dampen everyone's spirits as ploughers and spectators from far and wide took part in the competition then headed into the barn for butteries, stovies and a hot drink. A massive thank you to Alistair for the use of his facilities and to Eric and the Buchan Tractor Club for organising the event. I think all the Rotarians need a pat on the back as well with the final 'well done's' to Phyllis, Neil and Pat.

Here are some of the pictures from the match –



Also, here are some budding ploughers in the making I think. With kind permission from their dad Alastair, photos of these two having an absolute ball. Alastair said 'Zoe had a great time playing in the puddles and that many tractors in the same place is like an early Christmas for Owen'.



Harvest Concert 22nd October

With folks starting to queue before 6 o'clock, Rotarians were busy setting up for the concert whilst holding back the crowds all looking for the best seats to enjoy another fun filled concert with host, and the many faces of Eddie Rose, the fantastic talents of local singer Mayah Herlihy and



Accordianist Leonard Brown all the way from South Shields. Leonard is one of Britain's top accordianists and in 2016 was voted Scotland's Guest Artiste of the Year by the NAAFC.



With jokes and songs all night, over 130 people enjoyed the concert with delicious stovies and a raffle at half time. The concert and ploughing match raised a fantastic sum of money towards our funds and Buchan Tractor Club. Many thanks to the Palace Hotel for their assistance and supplying the refreshments. Massive thank you to all the Rotarians, the donations of raffle prizes and the main organiser Phyllis. Another mention must also go to Pat who won the first prize in the raffle and kindly returned it to club funds.



Over the weekend, we had a 'lucky squares' win the bottle which was a collectors boxed bottle of very special whisky donated by Dave Low. The bottle raised £150 and was won by Alan Ainscough. Well done Alan.



Almost a full house at the concert.



Forthcoming Events

Christmas Meal – 19th December 2017. Raffle tickets are now printed and available for sale. If any Rotarians would like some tickets please let Shirley know. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Christmas Meal.

Gaval 2018 – The date has already been set for 19th September 2018.

Rotas for November & December

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
7.11.17	R.Emslie	Susan Ainscough	Roger Berl (followed by council meeting)
14.11.17	S.Duthie	P.Mundie	Feedback from council meeting
21.11.17	J.Johnston	M.Pearce	J. Brown
28.11.17	I. Robertson	R.Berl	Fellowship
Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
5.12.17	E.Oates	S.Duthie	R.Emslie (followed by council meeting)
12.12.17	R.Antzsak	I.Robertson	Feedback from council meeting
19.12.17	A.Ali	R.Allan	Christmas Party
26.12.17	-	holiday	-

26th October 2017 - Members of the Scottish Parliament recognise World Polio Day showing their support for Rotary's efforts to eradicate the disease across the world.

They attended a photo call immediately after First Minister's Questions on the Garden Lobby stairs in the Parliament, donning their Rotary purple crocus buttonholes. The event, organised by Rotary International in Scotland and the MSPs, joined millions across the globe who highlighted World Polio Day to raise awareness and support to end polio – a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was among those showing their support, and said: "I am very pleased to support World Polio Day by wearing a purple crocus and I am delighted that politicians across the spectrum in Scotland are doing the same."
"Eradicating polio will be a major step forward in creating a better world for all children in every country. Rotary in Scotland is to be commended for its lead role in this campaign."



We have never been closer to making history and fulfilling Rotary's goal of a polio-free world with just 12 cases of wild poliovirus worldwide so far this year in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland plays a very active role in the fight to eradicate polio, by creating the Purple4Polio campaign. The colour purple is used to symbolise the campaign because, when children in the developing world (where the risk is greatest) are vaccinated, their "pinkies" are dyed purple so that no child is missed.

Rotary is proud to have initiated this campaign over 30 years ago and to be playing a lead role in seeing it through to completion. We expect the world finally to be declared polio free in 2020