

# Rotary Club of PETERHEAD

Newsletter April 2018



'Drip drip drop little April showers'? well not so far and fingers crossed there are no more 'beasts from the East', West or anywhere else. As we wave goodbye to the half price chocolate Easter eggs in the shops, we say hello to the Spring bulbs popping through. I wonder if our crocus bulbs survived the Buchan Line?

## Guests & Speakers

3<sup>rd</sup> April. Our speaker this evening was Roger and for those expecting a 'taxing' talk you couldn't be more wrong. For hiding under this accountant's calculator is a very gifted artist. Again unknown to us, our late friend Arthur Russell also had an interest in art and it was Arthur who introduced Roger to our Club. In 1938 Roger's family escaped from Austria via Italy and France, settled in England and went into the antiques business. Perhaps this is where Roger found his interest in the arts. So, whilst speaking to the club, Roger set up his easel and started to paint – a hobby he has been doing for about 15 years. With a preference for acrylics over oils or watercolours, Roger paints straight from the tube, doesn't use a palette and uses the one brush only. He loves landscapes and birds but admitted that he can't do faces or sheep. His favourite artist is El Greco who has a unique style with brash colours and long tall figures. Keeping us well informed during the painting, did you know for watercolours you don't use black or white paints but when using acrylics it's essential. Roger is part of the art group who meet in Peterhead community centre every week. £1.50 at the door and 50p weekly charge, just to cover tea, coffee etc. So, if you fancy it, Thursday nights from 7-9pm. On average there can be 20 people per class and they often have guests doing different styles of art including pencil and charcoal drawings. After a very entertaining half hour, his picture (and talk) was complete. Copied from an art book, Roger painted the Clock Tower in the city of Graz, South East Austria. Roger frequently has art framed and has over 50 pictures in his house !

Here is Roger with his completed picture –



After a most enjoyable talk, Dave advised the club of some correspondence received.

- A thank you in relation to shelter boxes and our donation of £590.
- Fraserburgh Rotary Club are holding a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. The black tie event is being held in the Tufted Duck Hotel on 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- Central Buchan Club (Bob Murray) are inviting entries for their Texas Scramble at Longside Golf Club, again on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Anybody interested should contact Bob.
- The caravans are still available at Fochabers so if you are interested or know anyone who might benefit from a wee break, please speak to Dave.

### News, Visits, Events & Photos

#### **Forthcoming Events**

**AGM** on 1<sup>st</sup> May and **Club Assembly** on 15<sup>th</sup> May

**Golf Match.** Aboyne & Upper Deeside Club are holding a golf match on 8<sup>th</sup> June

**Harvest Home Concert.** Taking on a different format this year. Details to follow nearer time.

**Gaval 2018** – The date has already been set for 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

#### Rota for May

June Rota to come and will be printed and put in the badge box

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reception &amp; vote of thanks</b>	<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
1.5.18	R.Berl	E.Oates	Annual General Meeting (followed by council meeting)
8.5.18	S.Ainscough	P.Mundie	Council meeting feedback
15.5.18	M.Pearce	W.Garden	Club Assembly
22.5.18	N.Godsman	R.Antczak	P.Mundie
29.5.18	E.Oates	R.Allan	Scatter Meeting