

Rotary Club of PETERHEAD



Newsletter for January 2017

A very Happy New Year to everyone. Well, with Christmas now a distant memory, and the shops starting to fill up with Easter Eggs, we all look forward to another year of news, events, friendship, health and happiness. January has been a busy month in the Club with happy and sad news alike. After a short spell in hospital, Alan Ross is on the mend and returning home. Also Dave has been to visit Arthur who recognised him and although couldn't talk, could communicate. We wish them both our very best wishes, a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them soon. Unfortunately we also received some very sad news regarding former Rotarian Ian Burnett who passed away. Thoughts are with his family.

News, Visits & Photos

Speakers / Guests

10th January – Our speaker this evening was Rotarian Liz Oates who presented a fascinating film on the re-enactment of the first ever flight across the North Sea from Cruden Bay to Stavanger, Norway. Originally, Liz was organising the fish festival in Cruden Bay which, after 18 months of research and organising, turned into a much larger event to include the 100 year anniversary re-enactment by Per Hoyland and Hakon Fasso.

On 30th July 1914, aviator and explorer Tryggve Gran set off from Cruden Bay in his Bleriot XI-2 to make the 288 mile crossing to Stavanger. Tryggve, a ski expert was part of the search party who found Captain Scott's body during his expedition to the South Pole and actually helped to bury him. Tryggve was serving as a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps when in June he expressed a desire to fly his plane, Ca Flotte, from Scotland to Norway. He chose Cruden Bay as his departure point with Stavanger as his destination - he reasoned that if he flew over this steamship route he'd stand a chance of being picked out of the sea should he have to ditch the plane! In recognition there was commissioned bottles of whisky. Bottles number 1 and number 60 were auctioned and raised £724

Exactly 100 years later, this historic flight was re-enacted by Per and Hakon in under 4 hours and breaking the record. Pers, who runs a flying school, is quite famous in his own country, he loves a challenge and is a bit of a hells angel. On board the flight, Per carried one of the commemorative bottles of whisky. Liz also took along a great selection of memorabilia for the members to have a look through.



The next time you are in Cruden Bay, you should take a moment to visit the Monument. Made from granite and copper and designed by students from Robert Gordon's College.





24th January – ‘Burns Supper’

The entertainment for our ‘Burns Night’ this year was curtesy of Gordon McKay who performed a theatrical and humorous version of Tam o’ Shanter complete with props, costume and horse! Enjoyed by us all, a massive thank you to Gordon.

Other News

Food Vouchers – Liz gave the club her feedback on the food vouchers. Liz’s friend, dressed as Father Christmas, went around to deliver the vouchers to 5 needy families with one lady so grateful she was overcome with tears. The recipients were accompanied to buy food with the vouchers and as you can see, the amount of food purchased was amazing.



District Governor’s Report - I thought this article in the Digest was quite interesting following our recent suggestions about raising profile of Rotary and attracting new members.

‘Charlotte and I attended the Rotary Institute in November, and I felt I would share some of the quotes we heard then’. Here are a couple -

- ‘Engagement is much more important than attendance’
- ‘If you want to join a large network join Facebook. If you want to join a quality network join Rotary.’

Ian Burnett

On 17th January, Dave reported the sad news that former Rotarian Ian Burnett had passed away. Ian was a former police inspector who was introduced to Rotary by Jim Brown and who in turn then introduced Dave Low.

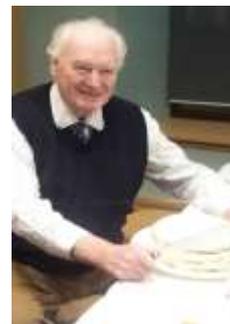
Ian joined the Police College in July 1964 as PC84. After training at HQ, he went to Elgin and then onto Banchory in 1965. In August 1968 Ian moved to Fraserburgh where stayed until March 1972 before being posted to Strichen. On amalgamation, Ian transferred to HQ Traffic in Aberdeen as C101, in May was promoted to Sergeant, moved to Fonthill and in 1981 left ‘C’ division bound for the ‘D’ division training department in Bucksburn. In April 1984, Ian transferred to Peterhead, was promoted to Inspector in 1986 and remained there until his retirement on 7th March 1997.



Phyllis kindly organised flowers for his wife Pam and ordered a wreath in the style of the Rotary wheel. Our thoughts are within his family.

Happy Birthday Neil!

A wee bit early, but we wished Neil a very happy birthday and all enjoyed a slice of cake. 80 years young on 29th January!



Rotas for February & March 2017

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
7.2.17	S.Duthie	W.Garden	S.Ainscough (followed by council meeting)
14.2.17	M. Pearce	L. Summers	Council meeting feedback
21.2.17	N.Godsman	R.Antczak	R. Allan
28.2.17	E.Oates	P.Mundie	Fellowship

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7.3.17	W.Garden	S.Ainscough	R.Emslie (followed by council meeting)
14.3.17	R.Berl	R.Allan	Council meeting feedback
21.3.17	R.Emslie	M.Pearce	S.Duthie (Ian Kennedy)
28.3.17	P. Mundie	J.Johnston	Fellowship