

Rotary Club of PETERHEAD



Newsletter for March 2017

Now that the clocks have moved forward, the nights are lighter, and hopefully better weather is upon us, have you thought about visiting some of our stunning parks, historical sites, attractions or simply a walk along the old railway line and perhaps a seat on one of our benches? This month we were lucky enough to have members of the photography club visit us and display photos of all the amazing birds and wildlife who live right on our doorstep. See below for full details. ☺

March has been a very busy month with lots going on and plenty events planned for the near future. Alan Ross is now in Crimond Home, next to Arthur and we wish them both all the very best and a very Happy Easter when it comes

News, Visits & Photos

Speakers / Guests

7th March - Our very own daredevil Robbie gave a pictorial presentation following his recent ski trip. I believe Robbie has been shortlisted for the next winter Olympics.

21st March – 2 Speakers this evening - Ian Kennedy, Community Warden, Aberdeenshire Council and Peter Lewis, Peterhead Photography Club.

The community warden programme has been in operation since 2004 with pilot schemes in Peterhead and Fraserburgh. Initially starting with 3 wardens but then decreasing to 2. Unfortunately, Fraserburgh town hasn't had any wardens for a number of years now but they will be back early Spring. Community wardens are like an 'old fashioned bobby' out and about in the town. Peterhead town centre has been subject to rather a lot of anti social behaviour this year, especially vandalism and the breaking of windows. In addition to their patrols, the wardens are also to start doing the public car parks. Due to a lack of police, the presence of community wardens in the town is essential. Ian and his colleague Cathy Ramsey also do 'shopwatch'. An invaluable service to alert shop owners of potential shoplifters etc. Ian showed the Club photos of empty packets of 'legal highs' which were being sold in Peterhead. These packets come from China and are deliberately designed to resemble packets of sweets. People shoplift to order to fund the purchase of these drugs.



It's not just all about the problems in the town like shoplifters, anti social behaviour and, unfortunately, drug dealing, the wardens do a lot of good work including club talks and educational visits. Partnership working to report broken streetlights, fly tipping, graffiti, roads and pavement issues, dog fouling, vandalism and the disposal of needles. Peterhead does not have cctv and therefore our wardens are the 'eyes and ears' of the community. Ian and Cathy are soon to relocate from Buchan House to the Fire Station.

Our second speaker of the evening was Peter Lewis from Peterhead Camera Club. Peter has kindly agreed to judge the RIBI Young Photographer Competition and explained to everyone the reasons for choosing his favourites. Each young person submits 3 photographs and it's hard to believe that this talent came from such young people. Peter spoke to the Rotarians about the Camera Club and agreed to return to tell us all a bit more and show some of the club's work.

28th March - Peter Lewis returned along with his friend and fellow club member Beverley. This week, Peter spoke in more detail about the kind of photography they enjoy doing, the areas they cover etc. The Camera Club meets at Peterhead Academy on a Tuesday night from 7-9pm. They have speakers, do portraits, have away days and socialise. Some of their work can be seen on display during Peterhead Scottish Week. Peter started going to the Camera Club following a bad car crash 8 years ago and really enjoys it. Peter passed around some of the photos he and Beverley have taken of birds and wildlife around Scotland and the Isles. The majority of pictures have been taken 'hand held' rather than using a tripod. It is amazing to see the variety of stunning birds and animals on our own doorsteps as well as further afield including the Cairngorms National Park. Peter and Beverley are passionate about their photos and it is easy to see why. The pictures are truly stunning. Just 2 weeks ago they were photographing adders, slow worms, hares and a family of badgers which they are now able to hand feed. Peter added 'its not just about the photos, but getting out and about to enjoy the countryside, socialise and have fun'. Peter has kindly offered to print and frame a picture which the club can raffle for funds. A huge thank you to Peter and Beverley for coming along and sharing their work with us.



Other News & Events

Caravans at Fochabers

We now have the dates for availability of the caravans at Fochabers. They are 3rd to 10th June and 22nd to 29th July. If anyone is interested, please let Dave know.

Meetings etc

The AGM will be held on 2nd May and Club Assembly on 16th May. It was decided that the monthly raffle will be on the 2nd meeting of the month – normally the night we would have the Council Meeting feedback so remember your wallets that night!

25th March - Roddy, Askir and Dave attended the Club Leadership Seminar in Portlethen

RYLA - Liz now has a 2nd candidate for RYLA 2017. Details to follow.

Purple for Polio Jam - Following a request from a Rotarian in District 1240, Tiptree Jam (Wilkin & Sons Ltd) had made and donated 52,000 jars of **Purple4Polio** jam. A jar of either Greengage or Early Rivers Plum Jam has been donated to every single Rotarian across Great Britain and Ireland. The aim of the scheme is to raise 1,000,000GBP for **Purple4Polio**. By donating a minimum of £2 per jar (worth at least £3 in store) and collecting donations, that target can be reached. The jam is currently on sale in Buchan House, however if anybody would like a jar, please let Shirley know.



Schools Quiz - 20th March

There was a massive turnout for this year's quiz, attracting 15 teams and over 100 spectators. Standing room only in the Palace Hotel to watch a very closely fought quiz with only 1 point between 3rd (Buchanhaven Brainy Bananas) and 2nd place (Clerkhill Wizards), whilst the winning team Buchanhaven 'Intellectual Beings' stormed home with an amazing score of 106 out of 120! £241 was taken in raffles and which will be donated to the Rykana School Project. Well done to everyone and huge thanks to Phyllis for organisation this. Thanks also to our compere and scorekeepers fellow Rotarians Hilary & Mick.



3rd place Buchanhaven Brainy Bananas
2nd place Clerkhill Wizards



2nd



1st Place went to Buchanhaven 'Intellectual Beings'

Forthcoming Events

Carpet Bowls - Friday 21st April 6.30 for 7pm. Peterhead v Fraserburgh !

An Evening with Annie Moon Clairvoyant – 12th May 7pm

Susan and Shirley are organising a night with Annie Moon at Peterhead Football Club on 12th May. If you haven't heard of her, Annie is very well known and has a large following in the North East.



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

Visit to the Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh - Friday 23rd June.

Neil 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.



District 1010 Conference – 27-29th October – ‘Working

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4.4.17	S.Ainscough	I.Robertson	R.Antczak (followed (by council meeting))
11.4.17	M.Pearce	N.Godsman	Council meeting feedback
18.4.17	E.Oates	R.Berle	W.Garden
25.4.17	R.Allan	S.Duthie	Debbie Moore

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2.5.17	S. Duthie	E.Oates	Club AGM
9.5.17	M.Pearce	W.Garden	Council meeting feedback
16.5.17	N.Godsman	R.Antczak	Club Assembly
23.5.17	E.Oates	P.Mundie	Fellowship
30.5.17	R.Berl	S.Ainscough	Scatter

This year’s conference will be held at Coylumbridge Hotel, Aviemore. Further details to follow.

Rotas for April & May

Happy Easter to everybody!



Beverley's 'Coo'