

Rotary Club of PETERHEAD



Newsletter - August 2016

Well guys, that's summer almost over and as the last gasps of sunshine slowly disappear you will be delighted to know that it's only 16 weeks until Christmas!

News, Visits & Photos

Updates

Variety Concert – a fantastic concert raising a large sum - £758 from the concert itself, £16.50 from the programmes and £248 from the Raffle. Well done to everyone for organising, taking part, spectating and helping.

Bicycle Lucky Squares - Thanks to Liz for organising the lucky squares and also to Askir for donating the bike. This raised £289 and the club agreed to round this up to £300 for passing to Prostate Cancer charity.

Speakers

2nd August - The guest this evening was Assistant District Governor, Rose Logan who gave the Club a very encouraging talk and was telling us all about the latest news. There is a small bear which can be purchased and could be used to assist with Polio fundraising. She also spoke about raising the profile of Rotary to attract new members i.e. parents at the school quiz perhaps. The conference in October is now smart casual rather than formal and is on one day instead of two. Rose has been with Turriff for over 10 years and has been President twice during this time.

The council meeting followed and Dave advised that JJ has resigned. The club decided to leave JJ as a current member for the rest of the year and he will continue to receive minutes, newsletters etc. JJ kindly agreed to continue to sponsor events.

16th August – Tonight's very enthusiastic guest speaker was Martin Danziger, Creative Director of Theatre Modo in Peterhead. Modo is a social circus and a way of engaging young people who normally wouldn't be involved in this type of recreation. Starting in Caithness and Sutherland, Martin set up a youth theatre after realising young people were hanging around the streets. To ask them to join the group was a non starter so Martin then set them a challenge – make a pair of stilts and learn how to use them. From this, the young people felt a sense of trust. They listened and learned, committed themselves to attend rehearsals, created routines and learned to communicate with each other. From stilts then moved onto fire clubs. After a year, Martin decided to go back to Circus School to learn even more. In 2009 they held their 1st event in Peterhead and have went on to become very successful. Modo works with a host of other services including social work, criminal justice, local schools and all activities are FREE !

Modo has helped to reduce the anti social behaviour in the town centre and have taken over the old Happit shop as an evening café.

Success stories include 2 young adults who were on the verge of being expelled from school. They got involved, went on to become volunteers and are now employees. Modò is the only youth circus North of Edinburgh and has also taken volunteers to youth circus festivals in other countries. Some of these volunteers had never even left Aberdeenshire before. Modò helped them to get their first passports. They returned with a new confidence and belief in themselves. Peterhead is very lucky to have such a great organisation. There is so much more that Martin can tell us about Modò and has kindly agreed to return as speaker for our Christmas party night.



Forthcoming Events

Quiz Night - Friday 9th September 2016 at Peterhead Football Club. Raffles will be on sale so donations and help appreciated.

Ploughing Match - 15th October. Details to be discussed.

Concert – 16th October - Palace Hotel. Details to be discussed

Christmas Party – This year's party will be held on 20th December. Details still to be discussed

Rotas for September & October

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
6.9.16	A. Ross	S. Duthie	W. Garden (followed by council meeting)
13.9.16	R. Berl	E.Oates	Council meeting feedback
20.9.16	R. Emslie	R. Allan	R. Antczak
27.9.16	E. Oates	P. Mundie	Fellowship

Date	Reception & vote of thanks	Cashier	Speaker
4.10.16	R. Emslie	S. Ainscough	I. Robertson (Followed by council meeting)
11.10.16	L. Summers	P. Mundie	Council Meeting feedback
18.10.16	N. Godsman	I. Robertson	L. Summers
25.10.16	R.Berl	M.Pearce	Fellowship