

# The Rotary Club of Lisburn

19th June / A Midsummer Musical Extravaganza at Newforge raised a staggering £8,000.00 for local Cancer Charities—well done everyone!  
President's night 30th June at Malone can be viewed on the website as well as the Sunday afternoon tea reception hosted by President Sandra at Harry's Road



**Lisburn Rotary Website** can be accessed by following the instructions below;

- 1 / Go to the Club Website by entering the address [www.lisburnrotary.co.uk](http://www.lisburnrotary.co.uk) into your browser.
- 2 / Click on the Members Area.
- 3 / Sign in with the User Name 'lisburnrotarian' and the Password 'Dunmurry'
- 4 / Click on 'Calendar'

You will be able to see a schedule of events as they are planned throughout the year.  
Further features to follow—watch this space!

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**Sandra officially retires as President & hands the Chain of Office to John on Friday 3rd**



**Trevor Guy** was a much loved and valued Lisburn Rotarian and it was with much sadness we learned of his passing on 6th April.

*Trevor had a brave battle with his illness but despite it, made every effort to attend the Friday lunch meetings. He is an inspiration to us all.*

*We sympathise with Cherry and will all miss Trevor dearly.*

Thank you all for your support throughout my year of office! I have so many happy memories, and some sad ones also, we saw the passing of 3 very well respected members, PP Peter Brogan, PP Trevor Guy and Wilfie Titterington.

In 'Making Dreams Real' we have helped numerous local & further a field charities, provided hampers for the elderly at Christmas, financial support for Alzheimer's, shoe boxes, livestock programme & support for the Rombo project.

Many interesting and varied speakers have informed us throughout 2008 / 2009.

Funds have been raised for numerous folk.

Congratulations to Gordon Hanna on receiving a Paul Harris award for his outstanding services to Rotary.

It is sad to see Gary McMurray leave due to work commitments also.

I wish John every good wish for his year in guiding Lisburn Rotary through 2009—2010.

*Sandra*

District Quiz evening was held on 7th May at St. Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie and hosted by Belfast Club. John & Margaret McDonough, George & Valerie Christy, Henry & Ita McNally and Jim Campbell made up the Lisburn Club team.

Twenty four teams were in fierce competition for the coveted 1st place award. Unfortunately our club finished 17th and was handicapped by the absence of Brian Burke and John McIlroy.

Donaghadee club were the winners and the evening was sponsored by Tesco's who provided the supper and wine. A colour television set was raffled and all proceeds raised were in aid of Alzheimers.

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A special report on the exploits of the intrepid golfers who attended St Andrews in June has been compiled by Liam McCartney and will be published in our next issue of News Link. It's one to look forward to, we can assure you. Don't forget to catch up on the action in the gallery section of the Lisburn Rotary websites!



Can anyone guess the Lisburn member No 267 answers on a post card for a small prize next issue!

The **International Committee** received 32 boxes following the first round of the project. The delivery of the boxes was inexplicably delayed but once they arrived members were very quick to take up the challenge.

The end of the Rotary year meant that an early return date of 19<sup>th</sup> June was suggested. We have many more boxes already in hand so we will be looking to continue the project through the incoming year. It should be well within our club's capabilities to fill at least two boxes each through the year.

Attempts will be made to see whether school or youth groups would be interested in assisting with the project. It would be hoped that this would also introduce our club to a wider audience and make more people aware of the good work we do.

Unfortunately with the economic problems in general that the country seems to be facing these days, the dramatic rise in fuel costs over the past twelve months has presented the scheme us with some headaches. Added to this, increased road tax and insurance costs are forcing them to look again at their finances.

While many Rotary Clubs use the Shoebox Scheme there are others who support the scheme in principle but who do not actively fill boxes. Such clubs are asked to consider making a donation to help towards the cost of delivering the box gifts to Eastern Europe.

Currently, some 60,000 boxes each year are being sent to countries including Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Belarus, Albania, Moldova, Poland, and Croatia

## 'In my own words'.....

In this issue we focus on a Rotarian of over 30 years, **Alan Hall**. Alan is a popular

member of Lisburn Club, and joined Rotary in England in 1978, becoming President of The Rotary Club of Lunesdale '89-'90. Alan has had a long and varied career of 35 years with Taylor Woodrow. He has worked in Nigeria for 7 years on oil pipelines and roads, he was involved in the construction of the Ocean Terminal in Hong Kong, in Libya during 'the five day war' - and in Invergordon, Scotland, was closely involved in the building of the Nuclear Power Station in Heysham and Sellafield, he also worked at Heathrow Airport and helped construct the tunnel at Potter's Bar for British Rail. Alan has been married to Lilian for 58 years They have a son, Ronnie who's business produces theatre and musical shows in Sweden, and a daughter, Lynda who is a psychoanalyst in Amsterdam. Alan and Lilian have one grandson, Rory. Alan is a keen outdoor sports chap and has a love for horses, being a past Master of the Vale of Lune Harriers, and although he gave up riding and hunting in 2008, he still remains actively involved in country life at his home in Hillsborough.

### Many Happy Returns to:

Jimmy Mathewson, Ted Grainger, David Craig, Alan Hall, Ellen Hillen, Chris Reid, Gordon Hanna, Billy Rogan, Donald Minshull, Dale Orr, Mervyn Shannon, Caroline Knox, Brian Huey, Rowan Black, Trevor Stewart and Kyle Harper, who have all celebrated birthdays between April and June.



Alan & Lilian at last year's President's Ball

**Congratulations to David McMeekin** who correctly guessed the War Memorial in the last News Link as being in Bushmills. Not surprising really, his holiday home is 200 metres away! Well done David / enjoy your 'Full Kettle' breakfast prize.

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