

# The Rotary Club of Northallerton

*Founded 1947*

**Bulletin for Jul-Sep 2009**

**"Service Above Self"**



**President: Phil Roser CB MBE**

The Club meets at The Black Bull, Northallerton,  
at 12.30 every Friday (except Good Friday)

*Visiting Rotarians and prospective members are always welcome,  
but please ring 01609-773666 in advance if possible.*

More details on our website at:  
**[www.northallertonrotary.org](http://www.northallertonrotary.org)**

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHALLERTON 2009/10

### CLUB COUNCIL:

President	Phil Roser CB MBE (03)
Immed Past President	Ken Blackwood (01)
President-Elect	John Dennis MBE (87)
Vice Presidents	John Prest (95)
Secretary	Les Crelling PHF (81)
Treasurer	Tom Banfield (00)
Elected Members	David Walker (00), Geoff Sharp PHF (94), Paddy Burke (04) Alan Bradley PHF (96), Roelof Boersma PHF (69)

### CLUB APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Secretary	Trevor Woods (05)
Bulletin Editor	John Proud (05)
Youth Exchange Officer	Geoff Sharp PHF (94)
Welfare Liaison Officer	Ted Dawson (69)
Speaker Finder	Paddy Burke (04)
Club Protection Officer	David Paramore PHF (97)
Attendance Officer	Les Crelling PHF (81)
District Council Reps	President and President-Elect <i>(Secretary and Asst Secretary as substitutes)</i>
Auditors	Harry Coyle (67), Ted Dawson (69), Jack Pelter

### COMMITTEES

#### CLUB SERVICE

**John Dennis** (87)  
John Prest\* (95)  
Tom Banfield (00)  
Peter Brown (70)  
Ted Dawson (69)  
Alan Ferry (65)

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

**David Walker** (00)  
John Smith\* (92)  
Michael Geldart (08)  
John Mason (99)  
Stanley Nash (68)  
Derek Parkin (61)  
Jim Podd (98)

#### YOUTH/FOUNDATION

**Geoff Sharp** (94)  
Bob Beaver\* (89)  
Bob Barratt (90)  
Gordon Bulmer (85)  
David Paramore (97)

#### FELLOWSHIP

**Alan Bradley** (96)  
Kenneth Hird\* (63)  
David Blades (04)  
David Cook (90)  
Craig Harrison (83)  
Tony Twiggs (96)  
Trevor Woods (05)

#### PUBLICITY

**Ken Blackwood** (01)  
John Proud\* (05)  
David Lock (01)  
(photographer)

#### INTERNATIONAL

**Roelof Boersma** (69)  
Alan Bush\* (01)  
Paddy Burke (04)  
Harry Coyle (67)  
Clive Harries (80)  
Barrie Meech (01)  
Bob Mohun (77)

#### Hon. Member

Syd Butters PHF (75)

\* = Deputy Chair

PHF = Paul Harris Fellow

(yy) = year of joining  
as full member.

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

My taking over as President is the culmination of a process which began in August 1994, when I handed over command of Royal Air Force Leeming. That was when you kindly made me an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Northallerton, and thereby secured our fate to retire in North Yorkshire. Andrea and I moved away from this area for the last 10 years of my career, but we always loved returning to Northallerton whenever we could, allowing me to build a bond of friendship with you all. Following our move to the North, I have thoroughly enjoyed nearly 6 years of full membership, during which we have not only made the most of fellowship in Club meetings and events, but also derived great pleasure in introducing the Free Wheelers walks 6 years ago and sharing our beloved hills with you.

For me, being your President is the ultimate way to repay your faith in me. I feel well prepared, having chaired the Community Service, Fellowship and Club Service committees, and been involved in Council policy decisions for several years. As President Elect, I have learned a good deal about the wider aspects of our Rotary organisation, and Andrea and I hope to visit our neighbouring clubs during the year, as well as attending the District Conference in October on your behalf. I want to ensure that our worthy club is known and respected within the District.

Our Club has a fine history of fellowship and service over the past 62 years. The more I have met members from other clubs and attended District meetings, the more I have become convinced that our Club is doing all the right things. We have a varied Fellowship programme including the monthly walks, we are actively involved in youth projects, we provide many services to all levels of our local community, including the highly successful First Friday Cinema and our long-standing Domino Competition, and our contributions to the Rotary Foundation charity and to International projects including Polio Plus are exemplary: we are among the highest donators in our District and we should be proud of that fact. By forming a new Publicity Committee I hope that we will be able to raise the profile of our Club, so that the public will realise not only what good work we do but also what we are planning in advance. The more they know about us, the more it may encourage new members.

President Ken has worked hard during the past year, not least in trying to secure the conditions to proceed with the Iringa project. We did everything right, but in the end the necessary assurances from within

Tanzania were not forthcoming. To Ken's credit, he has spent a lot of time on Iringa matters in addition to his duties as President, and has still provided a cinema each month for the Town. Well done, Ken, for your valuable time as President.

Andrea and I will do our best to get involved in everything to continue the Club's long-established reputation. All I ask is that you do the same. Individual involvement is the key to a thriving Rotary club, and we have a lot to offer collectively. I am eager to serve as your President, to run Club business as efficiently as I can, and to encourage you all to enjoy our collective activity. Let's have a great year.

**Phil Roser  
President**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### ***Charity Account***

*This quarter has been dominated by the income/expenditure relating to the Art Exhibition that ended with a profit of more than Exxx. The weekly raffle has realised an income of Exxx, substantially less than previously. The Spring Fayre recorded an income on the day of Exxx and the plant stall on the High Street Exxx. The Gala Concert of Young Musicians broke even financially. The costs of the Film Festival were underwritten by grants from Screen Yorkshire Exxxx and Hambleton DC Exxx. Expenditure on Reels on Wheels over the last three months was Exxxx. The Club has allocated Exxxx towards RI Polio Plus and the Youth Awards totalled Exx for the four students.*

### ***General Account***

*The expense from this account at this time of year are the anticipated ones of the Bulletin, Exx, speakers' lunches Exx, Secretary and Treasurer administration costs of Exx.*

*At the close of my five years as Treasurer, it is possible to report that the accounts are as healthy as they were when I took over from my mentor Alan Ferry. Subscriptions have risen from Exx to Exx (in line with inflation.....). We have been able to maintain minimal increases as a result of the investments that we have in the members names. This may not be the case in future. The Charity Account has survived in a satisfactory condition from interest received and the YBS account has remained an accessible source of funds. I have been grateful to the Club's Auditors, Harry Coyle, Ted Dawson and Jack Pelter for their co-operation and assistance throughout.*

### ***David Paramore***

### ***Treasurer***

## Art Exhibition



Over fifty artists displayed pictures at the Exhibition and sales amounted to more than £1400. The Preview Evening was attended by more than 80 Rotarians and guests, who saw the event formally opened by the Officer Commanding RAF Leeming, Bill Gibson.

The organising committee of Gordon Bulmer, Les Crelling, Frank Massa, Eileen and David Paramore, and Jim Podd can be justifiably proud of their efforts. We are indebted to the support of so many Club Members and Inner Wheel Members for their efforts on the Saturday and Sunday. The event will provide an income of more than £700 for Rotary charities'.

## David Paramore

## COOKING

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When little Johnny received his plate he started eating right away.

"Johnny, wait until we say our prayer."

"I don't have to," the boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained, "but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

*During the last Rotary year a number of varied events have been provided for the enjoyment of club members and guests.*

*My thanks to all members of the committee for their attendance, enthusiasm and contribution which made for a very successful year of club fellowship.*

*The structure of the committee for this coming year has changed. However, the new committee will continue to adopt the long standing principle of our Club Fellowship, which is:-*

*"As Fellowship is the very heart of Rotary and the means through which we can all serve others, the Fellowship Committee will continue to enhance the Fellowship of the club members and their guests by holding enough appealing events to stimulate members interest and support".*

*Following a recent visit to the NYCC Record Office and Archives, a successful Bryning Gold Competition at Bedale Golf Club and an outstanding contribution to the District Games Evening, at Nidd Hall, we now look forward to the following events:-*

- *Hail and Farewell at Worsall Village on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009.*
- *Tour of the Royal Hall at Harrogate and visit to Harlow Carr Gardens on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009.*
- *Visit to Eden Camp, Malton sometime in August 2009.*



*Please continue to share with your committee suggestions for events, they are always welcome.*

*Finally, Ladies Lunch in the New Year has been changed from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010. Venue Solberge Hall.*

**Alan Bradley**

## REMEMBER

The secret of good golf is to hit the ball hard, straight and not too often.  
The secret of good boxing is to hit your opponent hard, straight and often.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Another Rotary year has started and there are many challenges around us, not only the recession with all its implications in this country, but numerous international crises and disasters.

As mentioned in the Club Assembly the International Committee has several ongoing projects for the year ahead. Our District Governor John Philips will have received the cheque from us for one thousand pounds towards the Polio Plus campaign.

The coming Rotary year requires a special boost to the Polio Plus Fund to match the generous donations from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the possibility of an event for Rotary Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

**Shelter boxes** remain a favourite project and we shall look for some progress in this area. We have already earmarked five hundred pounds to be donated to this cause.

**Tools for Self Reliance.** We intend to clarify what is required and then make a more active appeal for the appropriate equipment. Vision Aid continues with regular spectacle collections, preliminary sorting, and delivery to Ruth Perrott in York.

**The Mwanza Project** in Tanzania initiated by John Philips will be supported with some specific items once we have further details of the up to date requirements.

We intend to explore the possibility of supporting an Aids prevention scheme which is in its early stage of development in a club of our neighbouring District.

**Fund raising** is already in place with a coffee morning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at the Coffee Pot in the Methodist Church North End Northallerton. 10/12md.;

**A Ceilidh** in September to be organised by Paddy Burke; and a collection at the Sunday Market in Catterick in November.

We look forward to a successful year of activities supported by the club members.

**Roelof Boersma**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

*The Spring Fayre, held in the Town Hall, on 9th May, was an outstanding success and brought the current Committee's programme for 2008/9 to a close. Details of the event have already been reported but suffice to say that the six Charities raised a record amount and the Club met its expenses from money raised from the sale of plants and refreshments and also managed to generate a profit. Many thanks to lead Rtn. Tom Banfield for organising the event. All the major events undertaken during the year :- the Autumn and Spring Fayres, Domino Competition (for those in Sheltered Accommodation), Mulled Wine Evening and the Kirk House Films, proved a great success.*

*This was made possible by having an excellent Committee, with lead Rotarians prepared to take on and organise events and see them through to fruition. However, it was most unfortunate that once again it was difficult to find a suitable candidate to take advantage of the Carer's holiday and as a result it was decided to delete this item from the Committee's future programmes. May I take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to the Committee for the kind help and advice given to this "Rookie Chairman" in the past year.*

*So to the new Rotary year. I must have done something right as President Elect Phil has asked me to continue as Chair of the Committee for a further year – **(don't some people live dangerously?)** I hope he will not rue the day. At the time of writing it has not been possible for a number of reasons to hold a meeting of the new Committee but I have, nevertheless, been in contact with all but one member (who has not been well) and the following programme has been agreed. Members will appreciate that most of the Committee's events do, in fact, re-select themselves each year.*

<i>Project/Event</i>	<i>Lead Rotarian</i>
<i>Autumn Fayre (Arranged for 03.10.09)</i>	<i>Jim Podd</i>
<i>Spring Fayre (Arranged for 08.05.10)</i>	<i>Michael Geldart</i>
<i>Domino Competition (Sheltered Accommodation)</i>	
<i>Heats in October.</i>	<i>Derek Parkin (Heats and Final) -</i>
<i>Final 8th December</i>	<i>David Walker (Final and Correspondence)</i>



## SNIPPETS FROM RIBI



*International disaster relief charity ShelterBox, a global Rotary club project, has announced that popular British actress Joanna Lumley is to become one of its Patrons.*

*Miss Lumley OBE - the star of such hit television series' as the New Avengers and Absolutely Fabulous - said that ShelterBox was a charity "she really loves and admires".*

*Rotarian Tom Henderson, ShelterBox Founder and CEO, said: "I am so pleased that Joanna has agreed to become one of our Patrons and support our work. These are momentous times for ShelterBox. Since 2000 we have provided emergency shelter in the aftermath of 80 disasters in more than 50 countries. We have now set ourselves the goal of helping 500,000 people a year by 2013. I know that her support will help us reach our goal."*

*ShelterBox, which exists to provide humanitarian aid worldwide in the form of shelter, warmth and dignity for people displaced by natural and other disasters, started in 2000 as a project of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall. ShelterBox.*

*It is now the largest Rotary Club project in the world and has raised over £25 million and responded to over 80 major disasters including the Indian Ocean Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar (Burma) and has operated in 57 countries.*

**Checkout –**

**<http://www.ribi.org>**

**<http://www.northallertonrotary.org/>**

## FOUNDATION/YOUTH COMMITTEE

It's just possible that this committee might find the need to idle away a few moments during the coming year looking at some projects and considering what to do about them.

We are already involved with the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and we are sponsoring two excellent youngsters who will attend this summer's courses alongside two equally good awardees sponsored by Northallerton Mowbray. We look forward to hearing from them in September.

We were asked by District 1040 to consider supporting a Young Musician of the Year Competition. Well, we are not merely involved, but could claim to have shown 1040 the way. Our joint competition with the Rotary Club of Darlington has been going for about 15 years and is highly regarded well beyond our local area, many of our competitors have gone on to achieve distinction in our national conservatoires and we attract adjudicators of international reputation. We are currently teaching the Rotary Club of Leeds how to do it, having got Knaresborough going a bit earlier. A pity we did not learn of the District Competition sooner, even so we put up 7 out of the 18 competitors and provided the adjudicators.

We also support the Technology Tournament, providing 2 judges and a steward for the 2009 event. This is a good Rotary initiative and should be developed and improved.

We re-instated the Youth Voluntary Service awards this year and intend to continue to make annual awards to young people who have demonstrated the ideal of "Service Above Self" in their lives. We intend to look at the Rotary Young Citizen Award to see if it is a logical development of our own youth award.

Another project we shall examine is Rotary Youth Speaks. We already support a local Primary Schools debating competition, this may be a worthwhile extension.

As to Foundation, our main effort will be to find ways to support Polio Plus.

As I write I have just heard a news broadcast which reported that the Secretary General of the United Nations has thanked Rotary for their work which began in 1985 and will continue until the remaining 4 countries can be declared free from the disease.

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**WINE RAFFLE COMMITTEE ROTA:**

**Oct 09:** Foundation/Youth      **Jan 10:** Community Service  
**Nov 09:** Club Service          **Feb 10:** International  
**Dec 09:** Fellowship           **Mar 10:** Foundation/Youth

Committees should buy a whole month's supply of a half-priced red wine from one of the supermarkets, and keep the surplus under the bar in the Black Bull.

**REELS-ON-WHEELS at Hambleton Forum**

<http://www.northallertonrotary.org/Events/Cinema.html>



Full details of films and times will be circulated by email and posters.

If you can help then contact

Ken Blackwood or Les Crelling  
**Meals on Wheels Rotas:  
 2009 Brompton**

Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
6	PB	3	AB	7	LC	5	PB	2	AB	7	TW
13	GS	10	KB	14	TW	12	GS	9	KB	14	AB
20	LC	17	PB	21	AB	19	LC	16	PB	21	KB
27	TW	24	GS	28	KB	26	TW	23	GS	28	PB
		31	BHol					30	LC		

**NEXT BULLETIN DATE:**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 09**  
 Please make a date in your diary as a reminder!!

Please let me have your offerings early!!

Thanks  
 John (Ed)

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**ADVICE SECTION**

*Perks of reaching 50 or being over 60 and heading towards 70!*

01. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
02. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
03. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
04. People call at 8 pm and ask, did I wake you?
05. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
06. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
07. Things you buy now won't wear out.
08. You can eat supper at 4 pm.
09. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pensions.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with lift music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
19. You can't remember where you read this this list.

*And you notice these are all in Big Print for your convenience.*

*Also **NEVER**, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.*

## DUTIES

Visitors' Hosts:	1) Put out the regalia by 12 noon, then greet Visitors 2) Ask Visitors to sign Visitors' Book, pass names to President <b>3) Return regalia to box after meeting finishes</b>
Speaker's Host:	1) Contact Speaker in advance to ascertain requirements 2) Greet Speaker, assist in setting up equipment 3) Give Vote of Thanks, help with dismantling equipment

***NB YOU are responsible for arranging a deputy if necessary, and informing the Secretary of his name.***

2009	Visitors' Hosts	Speaker's Host	Grace
03-Jul	Geoff Sharp John Smith	John Prest	Les Crelling
10-Jul	Tony Twiggs David Walker	<b>Business Meeting</b>	Ted Dawson
17-Jul	Trevor Woods Tom Banfield	Ken Blackwood	Alan Bradley
24-Jul	Bob Barratt Bob Beaver	Clive Harries	Peter Brown
31-Jul	Ken Blackwood David Blades	Roelof Boersma	Bob Beaver
07-Aug	Roelof Boersma Alan Bradley	<b>Open Forum</b>	John Proud
14-Aug	Peter Brown Gordon Bulmer	<b>Business Meeting</b>	Alan Bradley
21-Aug	Paddy Burke David Cook	Alan Bradley	Peter Brown
28-Aug	Harry Coyle Ted Dawson	Peter Brown	Paddy Burke
04-Sep	John Dennis Alan Ferry	Gordon Bulmer	Les Crelling
11-Sep	Michael Geldart Clive Harries	<b>Business Meeting</b>	Ted Dawson
18-Sep	Kenneth Hird David Lock	Alan Bush	John Dennis
25-Sep	Barrie Meech Derek Parkin	David Cook	Alan Ferry
02-Oct	Jim Podd John Prest	Michael Geldart	Harry Coyle
09-Oct	John Proud Geoff Sharp	Ted Dawson	Clive Harries

## SPEAKER PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject
03-Jul	David Burke	York Minster
10-Jul	Business Meeting	
17-Jul	David Petyt	Keighley & Worth Valley Railway 1861 - 2009
24-Jul	Sue Cross ACC NYP	Safer Neighbourhoods & Citizen Focus
31-Jul	Paul Fisher	Age Concern - Active Aging
07-Aug	Open Forum	
14-Aug	Business Meeting	
21-Aug	Roger Barnett	The Alzheimer's Society
28-Aug	Tony Doveston	Yorkshire Air Ambulance
04-Sep	District Governor	
11-Sep	Business Meeting	
18-Sep	RYLA Presentation	
25-Sep	Michael Watkiss	Sainsbury's
02-Oct	Graham Aldous	Yorkshire Films of Nell the Sheepdog
09-Oct	David Steele	Sense the Deafblind Association

### Speaker suggestions to Paddy please?

#### DIARY DATES

#### JULY 2009 TO DECEMBER 2009

08 July 2009	Council Meeting
12 July 2009	Town Carnival
29 July 2009	Visit to Royal Hall Harrogate
12 August 2009	Council Meeting
19 August 2009	Coffee Morning Methodist Chapel
04 September 2009	District Governor visit
09 September 2009	Council Meeting
03 October 2009	Autumn Fayre
10 October 2009	Rotary Ceildh
14 October 2009	Council Meeting
11 November 2009	Council Meeting
20 November 2009	Charter Night
27 November 2009	Mulled Wine Event?
29 November 2009	Catterick Market Collection
09 December 2009	Council Meeting
18 December 2009	Christmas Lunch