

The Rothes Rotary Rag

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President's Report



A lot has happened in our Club since the last Rotary rag! We have hosted a very successful Top of the Form quiz and also a Primary School quiz. They were enjoyed by many students, along with their parents and teachers. What a great way to show the community what Rotary does and how we are committed in our Club to nurturing the young talent we have in our local schools.

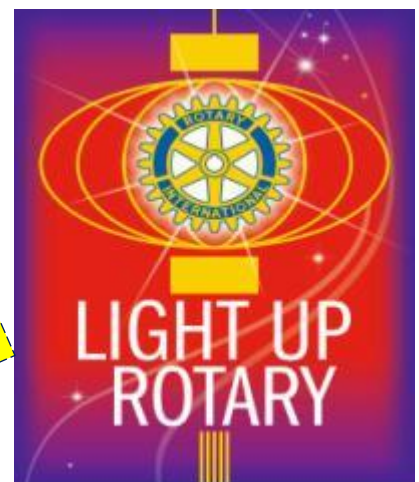
The Sportsman's Dinner was a huge success, with the Gilvenbank bursting at the seams as we were entertained with good jokes, good stories and good banter! Thanks to all Rotarians who contributed to the raffle, the auction, and those who attended on

the night.

And so we move into April, with the Club AGM next week, and the District Assembly in Aberdeen on 19th April. Please try to attend both of these important meetings. We are also looking forward to a couple of Social events during the month – a play and a tribute to Billy Joel.

Our Club is still Lighting up Glenrothes!!!

A big Thank You from Ewan McDonald for the good wishes and support from our Rotarians during his illness. Ewan is well on the way to recovery and hopefully we shall see more of him soon



Young Photographer

The Young photographer competition was judged recently in the Gilvenbank hotel. We received 13 entries from Glenwood High School, 6 entries from Auchmuty High school and 5 entries from Glenrothes High School. All were in the intermediate and senior categories. The winner of the senior category who will go forward to the district final is Samantha Gardner form Glenrothes HS runner up goes to Rachel Hunter also from Glenrothes HS. In the intermediate category the winner is Abbie Donald from Auchmuty HS who will also go forward to the district competition, second place goes to Lyle Donald from Auchmuty HS. Thanks again to our judges, Mike Ward, Ken Wilkie and Joe Nicholson..... Good luck to both winners for the district competition.



Young Writer



For the first time we have run the Young Writer competition. There was one entry from the age bracket 7 - 10 years. From Glenwood High School we received 14 entries in the Intermediate Section, ages 11-13 years. Murray, Chris and I read through the essays, discussed them and decided on one winner, no runner ups. The winner is Rhian Bell from Glenwood High.

Her composition is being forwarded to District. Her story is about starting up a charity, with fund raising events, to help poor people pay their electricity bills.

President Chris' Easter Surprise!

Two gorgeous lambs born this beautiful Easter morning to Flora the sheep who belongs to President Chris and Steve. A boy and a girl! Rotarian Geoff Shown holding one of the lambs with Chris.



Top of the Form Quiz

The top of the Form quiz took place at Auchmuty High School on 11th March. With 11 schools taking part and also a reserve team. Question master for the evening was Rotarian Jim Boyd who put teams through their paces with 8 rounds of questions! The winner of the event for the second year was Beath High School, runners up were Kirkland High School and 3rd place went to first time entrants, St Andrews High School. The event was well supported by family and friends and also our own Rotarians. Once again a very successful



KIDS OUT !
10th June

Primary School Quiz

The primary School Quiz took place at Auchmuty High School on 25th March. 13 schools took part plus a reserve team so a very good entry to the competition. Rotarian Linda Ballingall was quiz master for the evening and tested the pupils on a wide variety of subjects over 10 rounds. The positioning changed with every round in a very tightly fought battle. It was the last round before an outright winner was declared! For the second year running Markinch primary school won the competition and will go forward to the District competition. Pitcoudie and Tanshall came a close 2nd and third. Well done to all the schools who took part and we look forward to seeing you again next year. Thanks also to all the supporters on the night and all the Rotarians who helped to make the evening run smoothly



Casino Magic!

On Friday 10th April 12 Rotarians and friends enjoyed a delicious meal and drinks at the Fountain B

ridge Casino in Edinburgh. After the meal we were given "lessons" on the Roulette and Black Jack table. We were also given a £5 voucher for the Roulette tables! Unfortunately 8 had to leave for the last train leaving 4 in charge of the betting! At the moment of printing these 4 have not been seen since Friday!



Rork's Drift, Zulu land, South Africa - 11 VC's in a twelve

Rotarian Lars Tells of his African adventure

On walking onto the battle site at Rorke's drift it is amazing how small it is, considering the size of the battlefield at Lsandlwana where the British had been massacred that morning.

The Rorke's drift battle site consisted of two buildings, one a hospital and one a store, with a small kraal opposite the store. Though both buildings were destroyed, during and after the battle, they have been rebuilt. The hospital is now the museum and the store is now a church. The kraal walls are still there and the outline of where the defenders built their walls of mealie sacks and biscuit tins is made up of stones, including the redoubt. The whole area excluding the buildings is about the size of two tennis courts.

Though the garrison at Rorke's Drift started with about 500 men, due to the fact that some of the native troops had seen and heard about the massacre at Lsandlwana, that morning, and on the approach of the Zulu warriors of between 3000 and 4000 men they fled leaving only approximately 155 men, of whom about 35 were in the hospital.

Late in the afternoon the attack came, with the hospital being the first target, though the hospital had loop holes for firing in the rooms, none of the rooms were interlinked, and when the hospital had to be evacuated it meant that one of the soldiers a John Williams had to hack his way from room to room to save his comrades, who were pulled through by their fellow patients. The soldiers were using the Martin Henry rifle which had a

bullet that could go through three men, whereas the Zulus only had their fighting spears or assegais. Some rifles had been taken at Lsandlwana by the Zulus and though the aiming was erratic, they did account for 4 British deaths.

Lt Chard, the commanding officer, had built a wall near the store, and as the hospital became untenable, and the majority of the patients had managed to escape the troops they retreated behind this wall of biscuit tins. The Zulus continued the attack throughout the evening and eventually the British had to withdraw from the cattle kraal, and reduce their perimeter around a small bastion near the store. Though the Zulu attacks continued until after midnight, the British held them off, and the Zulus eventually withdrew about 2 am. The garrison force had lost 14 killed and though they had started with over 20,000 rounds of ammunition, they were down to the last 900 rounds. When the Zulus finally left, they left behind them over 500 dead and wounded. Those Zulus that were wounded were killed, as the soldiers had heard of the atrocities that they had committed at Lsandlwana.

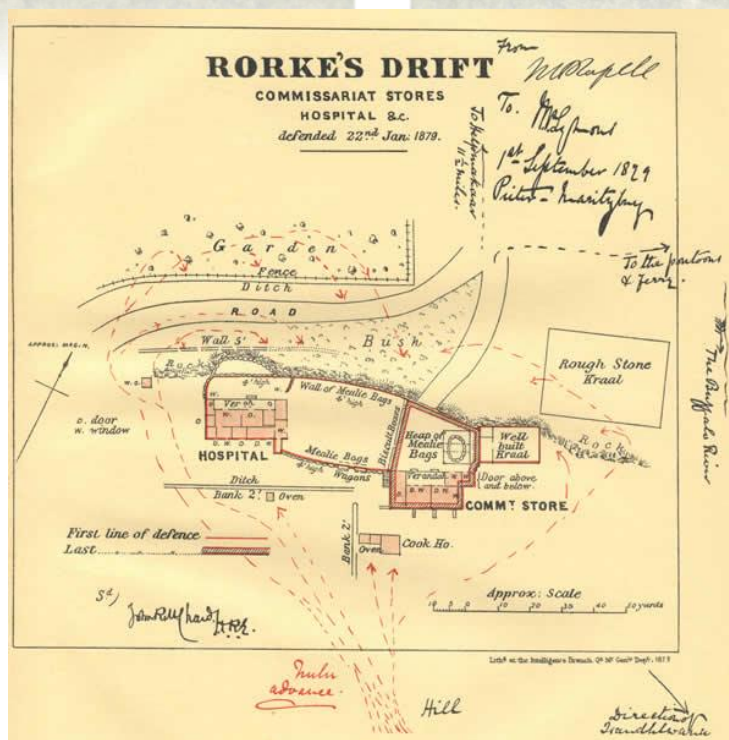
The garrison were relieved the following morning by Lord Chelmsford's advance guard, who had not been involved at Lsandlwana.

11 VC's were given, the largest number in any one action. It is worth looking up the VC recipients and see how they all fared in later life. Some of the stories are fascinating. The Colour Sergeant, went on to become a Lt Col in the regiment. Though the film Zulu indicated that it was a Welsh regiment, there were in fact only 34 Welshmen in the regiment and it was in fact the 24th (2nd Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot.

Lars Christiansen



Lars' Pictures



ROTARY DISTRICT BIKE RIDE



PROSTATE CANCER UK

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FACTS ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER

- Every hour one man dies from prostate cancer that's more than 10,000 every year
- Over 40,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year
- It is estimated that by 2030, prostate cancer will be the most common cancer
- One in eight men will get prostate cancer
- Over a quarter of a million men are living with and after prostate cancer
- Two out of three adults don't know what the prostate gland does

All the money raised will go to one of the three prostate cancer charities who are supporting us.

For Further Details please contact your District Coordinator or RIBI coordinator Nick Corke:
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ROTARY DISTRICT BIKE RIDE - Father's Day, Sunday, 21st June 2015. For more details visit <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/> then choose District 1010

Can you help or do you know someone who can?

Sportsman's Dinner

The Rotary Club of Glenrothes' annual Sportsman's dinner was held in the Gilvenbank hotel recently and as per previous years the evening was a great success. Although two of the speakers were unable to attend the replacements for the evening were excellent, Sheriff Lindsay Wood, Football Manager/Coach Dick Campbell. Willie Allan was yet again a brilliant compere and auctioneer for the evening making sure the guests dug deep into their pockets to help our charity for the year, cancer research. Many thanks to the Gilvenbank Hotel for the superb meal and slick service from the waitresses and to all those who donated auction and raffle prizes. Special guest on the night was District 1010 Governor Keith Hopkins and his wife Mary who came along from Kirriemuir to support the event. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to the organisers,

Fundraising Chair IPP Tracy Thomson, Lead Rotarian Ian Haywood and Rotarian Mark Lattimer. Thanks also to President Chris for the VOT.



Rotary Day - Cluny Clays



Area 8 Rotary Day @ Cluny Clays on Sunday 31st May. A day of fun for Rotarians, family members and friends. £10 - adults £6 - children to include B-B-Q

April/May Diary

Date	Speaker	VOT	Sign in and Grace	Take Money	Visitor Host
16 th April	AGM		Roy Francey	John Galloway	Murray Grubb
23 rd April		John Wood	Ian Hastie	Brian Johnson	Sheila Matthew
30 th April		Julie MacDougall	Iain Haywood	Alan Strath	John Wood
7 th May		Bill Wooton	Arlene Kidd	Archie Lawrie	Mark Latimer
14 th May	Council reports		Wilna Roger	Geoff Sampson	Andy Strachan
21 st May		May Ford	Anne Sampson	David Ritchie	Hamish Rothnie

This Month's Word Search

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