

This month's issue contains President Colin's farewell and review of the year; the presentation of the new cup to Kinnoull School, the Kids Day Out at Stanley, the Famous Five go to Ingliston and the Young Singer Competition.

Editorial

I suppose June wasn't a bad month as it only seemed to rain on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The main event was the handover as Colin said farewell to his year in office. Despite not being one for the 'patter', he has put together a fine account of his feelings over the year. I got the new Rotary Logo on board quite quickly but noticed something very strange – all the home page pics disappeared on the 1st July. It's uncanny how things like that happen automatically.

I hope you all enjoyed the year as much as I have. I have been very grateful for the many comments about the new layout for Chatters and the content, and will be continuing over the coming year. Have a good one.

President's Patter – The Final "Chatter"

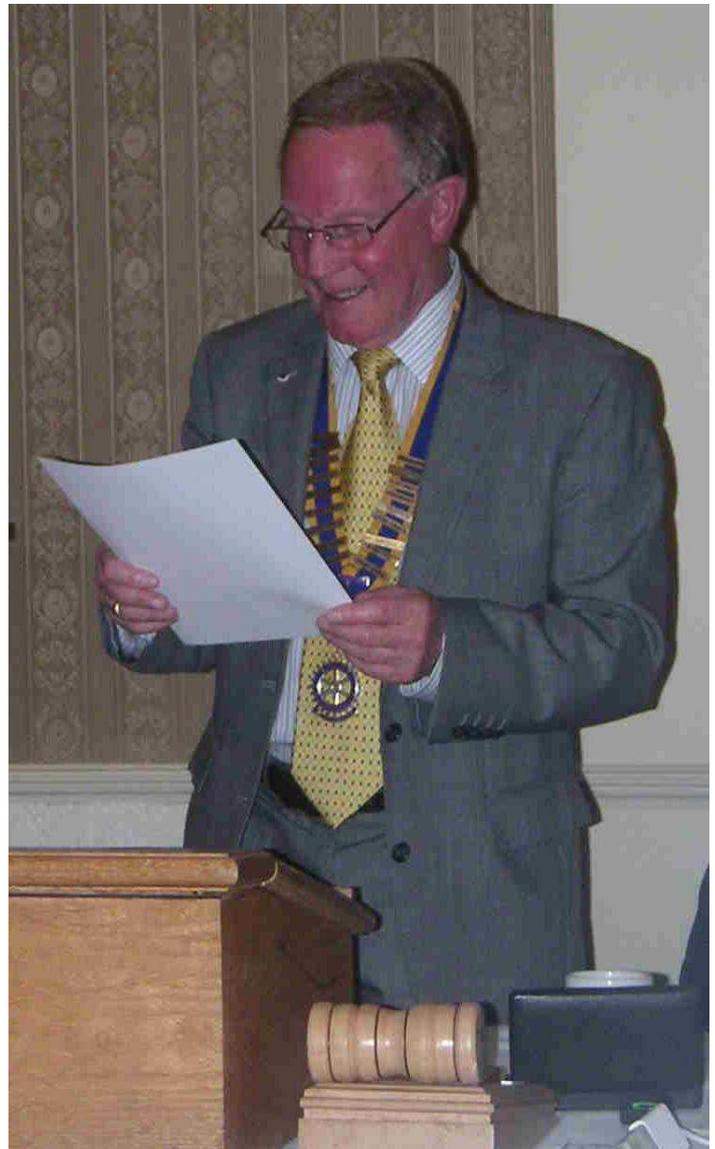
When you assume a position such as President, I believe you please everyone. Some people you please when you take up the job, and the others you please when you leave it.

I was a bit reticent when asked, I thought I was a bit "too long in the tooth," but I've survived, and I've thoroughly enjoyed it.

They say time flies when your enjoying yourself. Well I must have had a ball, because the time has flown. That's the worrying factor, I'm now already another year older.

Our meetings have been good. We've had some excellent speakers: We've gone from our female Cricket coach, Kirsteen, who left us all exhausted. What an amazing young woman, what energy she had. We built the Kylesku bridge, we've had Helens Magic carpet, we've had police dogs, an inside view of Gleneagles hotel, and of course Dr Winston -- well gents, she grabbed your, "attention" to name just a few, a great variety of topics.

It never fails to amaze, that you find such a collection of enjoyable and interesting speakers.



The business meetings, I have tried to keep light hearted and enjoyable too, but still dealing with the matters in hand. It seemed to "pay off" if I can use that term: as they were very lucrative for the Sergeant at Arms.

I have already thanked my council personally, I chose a good team. And I must also thank all of you for your support, throughout the year.

I want to give special thanks to:- Peter MacDougall & Andrew Still, Bob Reid, Ian Stevenson, Janet Simpson and Harry Cooper, for all the extra effort you put into the club throughout the year



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President's Patter – Fellowship

We've had some great fun at our events this year. Peter's barbeques are something else. We've had roast everything, cow, pig, lamb, and even Murray's Pies and Stornoway Black pudding. At least at the second one I didn't need to keep stoking the fire.

Our Christmas meal was organised by Helen and Bob, the Rev. Sandy Gunn gave the Christmas Message, and they even managed to get David Cameron along, to give us a few words of wisdom.

At our Burns Supper, I, of course, made an excellent job of addressing the haggis, Bob did a fantastic Immortal Memory, Greg gave the toast to the lassies and George (Irish) Evans gave the reply. He knows very little about Burns, he can't understand the language, but George, you gave it your all. In fact I think the only thing George understood that night was my poem, "The Odorous Beastie"

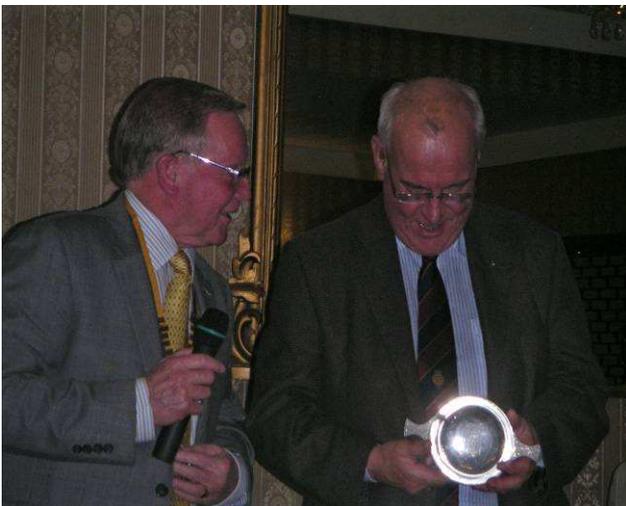
Our young singer evening was again a great success. Such was the talent, that there was considerable debate among the club members, who the winner would be. It flummoxed poor "Bob the Bookie", as he couldn't work out the odds, when the judges declared a "dead heat" for first place. Again it was very profitable for the Sergeant at Arms, because she inherited all the stake money.



The young singer competitors with Mike



The Famous Five taste the beer



President Colin presents Peter with the Clubman of the Year Quaich

- Kids Out Day 8th June 2011
- Chernobyl Kids Day Out at Blair Drummond Safari Park 2nd July 2001
- Team Golf at Blairgowrie 22nd July
- Charity Golf 7th September 2011
- Club Championship at Strathmore 7th September 2011



The Famous Five taste the wine

Colonel Clive Fairweather

A very enjoyable talk was given by Clive as he presented his reminiscences having spent 34 years in the army, rising from the rank of private soldier to full Colonel. During this time he completed three tours with the SAS, which included appointments as security adviser to the Iranian and Jordanian Royal Households in 1970-71. He was second-in-command of 22 SAS at the Iranian Embassy siege in London in 1980.

He recalled how the iconic images of the siege being broken had a long-term effect on him, his men and the entire regiment. He said: "It slowly dawned on us that life had changed and we could no longer remain under a stone.

"We were public property. That's been a massive change to the regiment and not a welcome one.

"It changed everything for the SAS. Until the guys appeared in their black Darth Vader suits against that white building, nobody had ever heard of the SAS.

Speakers

7 Jun: Clive Fairweather - Reminiscences of an old soldier on the SAS myth and reality

28 Jun: Erin Scott - Towards Zero Waste



President's Patter – Highlights

For me every meeting was a highlight. I enjoyed being involved and meeting all the speakers.

It was great to get our St. Lucia correspondent back safely, and being able to relive his exploits. It was certainly different -communicating directly with the disaster zone.

I attended the District Conference in Inverness. It was a great weekend, so much so that I decided to go to the National Conference in Dublin. So accompanied by three other members and wives, we sampled Irish hospitality for four days, and had a fantastic time.

But certainly the biggest highlight has to be my Presidents Charity Dinner. What a night. Again we exceeded our expectations in what we raised. The two speakers Willie and Jim, they were excellent, but even more so they were fantastic company throughout the entire evening, the jokes and the banter between them went non-stop. Again I must thank all my support team, for helping to make it such a success.



Five are directed to an appropriate venue

President's Patter - Fund Raising & Donations

Our fund raising events were all a success, our Golf Day, the Presidents Dinner, the Brass Band and Mike's jump off the Forth Bridge. So along with some of the funds kept over from last years Black Dyke Band, we have distributed a total of £17688-72 to various charities and organisations this year – so well done again.

And of course we have well advanced plans in the pipeline, for the coming year.

But the one thing I will remember from my year, was the "Kids Out Day" at the Active Kids Centre in Stanley. Seeing the joy on the faces of those severely disabled kids playing, is humbling. That's what Rotary is all about.

So on that note, it's with a little bit of sadness, but with a lot of pleasure, that I step down from office and pass the "necklace" over to Bob Brown. Bob, I hope you have a successful year and enjoy it as much as I have.

Colin



And of course we won the Rotary Curling League and the Rotary Jewel Curling Trophy.

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- Taxes or Your Fair Share
- Upper Class or "The Rich "
- Progressive, Change
- Religious Zealot
- Fair Trade Coffee
- Fiscal Stimulus

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- Swamp
- Well-protected
- Coerced Theft
- Self-Employed
- Big Government Scheme
- Church-going
- Overpriced Yuppie Coffee
- New Taxes and Higher Taxes



President Colin presents the Curriculum for Excellence Trophy and books to Kinnoull School

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Erin Scott - Waste Awareness

Erin Scott is the Waste Awareness Co-ordinator for Perth and Kinross Council where she has worked for some years. She explained the current thinking on the whole program of waste disposal and the move towards 'Zero Waste', a term that encompasses the removal of waste to landfill that will be regenerated to the production of energy from waste.

The members found the talk fascinating especially with the possible Shore Road development returning to the news.

Erin is pictured below left during her recent visit to the US with the Scottish Group Study Exchange Team

