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Rota For Reception, Grace & Speaker Duties

Date	Rec/Gr.	Cash	Speaker	V. of Organiser	Thanks
14 Apr	Peter C	Simon K	Susanna N	Denis E	
21 Apr	Douglas C	Anne L	Annette R	????	
28 Apr	Phil D	Andrew McC	Business Meeting		
5 May	Denis E	David Mc	Rob R	Christine F	
12 May	????	Helen M	Willie S	Hilary G	
19 May	Christine F	Susanna N	Anne S	Nicola H	
26 May	Sandy F	Annette	Club A. G. M.		
2 Jun	Hilary G	Rob R	Ann S	Neville J	
9 Jun	Nicola H	Anne S	Jim W	Simon K	

Look Ahead:

Monday 14 Apr 2008
Speaker : Alan Campbell, CE of Aberdeenshire Council, "Kaizen"

Monday 21 Apr 2008
Speaker : Wendy Pirie, on the plans for new library at Aberdeen University

Monday 28 Apr 2008
Business Meeting - Convenor Presentations

Monday 5 May 2008
Speaker: Charlie Allen, Nepal Water Project

Monday 12 May 2008
Speaker: Stephen Fernie, Transformations at Aberdeen University

Monday 19 May 2008
Speaker : Anne Shirran

Monday 26 May 2008
Speaker : Annual General Meeting

Monday 2 Jun 2008
Speaker : Ann Stark

Monday 9 Jun 2008
Speaker : Jim Walker

Monday 16 Jun 2008
Speaker : Ray Walker

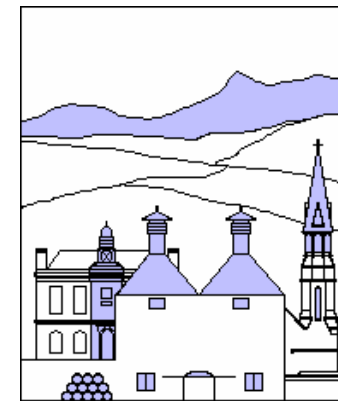
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Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum

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Squeaky Wheel

Monday 14/04//08

Haddo Egg Hunt

Win in the Gavel

Motto Required!

Haddo Egg Hunt 2008

There was snow, hail, rain and a sea of mud to contend with on Easter Sunday, but not the high winds experienced on the Friday. The marquees proved invaluable for the event and the calm weather on Saturday afternoon allowed the Rotarians and Scouts to erect them.

On the Sunday some 1200 people and 500 plus cars trickled into the car park throughout the day. This number allowed the Rotary Car Park Team to direct only the 4 x 4s into the field leaving the tarred car park for other cars. The tractor which had been arranged to extract vehicles from the mud wasn't needed.

The ALEC vehicle, the Waste Awareness vehicle, the face painters, the Aberdeenshire Library Services ladies all arrived on cue to entertain the visitors. Four Red Cross personnel were on hand to deal with any emergency. The 2008 Egg Rolling Event passed without incident despite the sometimes atrocious weather on the day. An early course inspection revealed the going as "snowy on mud" which was kindly packed down by the sledgers earlier in the morning. Immediately prior to commencement "whiteout" conditions threatened to jeopardise the whole affair but these abated just in time and about 30 people appeared through the blowing snow. In light of the conditions we chose to have just three runs, and had sufficient prizes to give the majority of people who took part a prize. Under the circumstances this was a roaring success. Obviously the visitor numbers were seriously down on previous years, however, the items purchased will be stored and used for next year's egg hunt. The face painting was also successful, and the photograph (above right) of Maren Mowatt of St Fergus encapsulates the enjoyment of most of the visitors.. The Easter Bonnet competition, judged by Elaine Falconer, resulted in a win for Hilary Gordon and Annette Ramsden.

Christine Falconer, the prime organiser, stated how satisfying it was to note that Rotary could rise to the occasion and run with the event even though the weather was dreadful. People attending said they were enjoying themselves regardless of the weather and appreciated the fact that it had not been cancelled.



Happy Haddo Bunny

Gavel Competition

The Gavel Team have completed the quarter final stage with our unbeaten record intact. Westhill were great hosts, but we won convincingly! Meldrum were in great form, even coming top in the darts round, not usually our strongest. Banchory - Ternan fielded a strong team on Monday night past, and brought some support as well. The home advantage was a boost and so Meldrum progress to the Semi Finals. No trip to Thurso this year! We have been drawn at home against Laurencekirk, to be played by the end of April.

Well done to all the regular team and supporters. We have been so close before but maybe this is the year for Meldrum to go all the way to Dunfermline and take the Gavel

Motto Required!

Once upon a time, not so long ago a splendid silver vessel went on a long journey with some drinking friends, and although it had a lovely time, it became confused, lost its way and failed to return. Although a successor has been found, it feels the need to re-assure its drinking friends that it would never befall a similar fate. It is in dire need of a clear brand of ownership to ensure that its origins and loyalty could never be in dispute. A challenge is therefore issued now to all members of the Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum to invent a motto or slogan to be engraved upon the Fellowship Quaich. Now being Meldrum we do not want just a name or postcode, but something memorable with a bit of twist. Don't miss your chance to be captured for posterity. Contributions invited before the AGM. Thinking Caps on and RSVP to Anne Forster.

This Week's Speaker 14 April.

C.E. of Aberdeenshire Council, Alan Campbell will be speaking about how Aberdeenshire Council is doing and performing 'Kaizen'.

Kaizen is a Japanese expression meaning "making something as good as it can be" and the process engages teams of employees in concentrated "blitzes" to identify more efficient ways of working.

The exercise has been driven by Chief Executive Alan Campbell and his Senior Management Team since 2004.

For each blitz undertaken, a team leader is appointed and in turn selects a team of between 10 and 14 people who are close to the process to be improved.

The team is empowered by management to find new and better ways to deliver the service being examined, with the Kaizen process providing members with a structured means of developing ideas and solutions.

News Snippets

Fellowship weekend – 16/18 May 7 rooms booked.

Does any one, at the last minute have a change of plans, and want to join the fun? Contact Anne F.

Petanque match Booked for 5th Monday, 30th June at Pitmedden. Ellon Rotary have been challenged! All partners welcome

District Assembly : Sunday 27th April . This event influences our plans for the future. If you want to a copy of the programme for the day, or want to attend, contact Anne F.

Kintore Rotary are leading on organising a joint Ceilidh event with Meldrum and Inverurie in September.

Good News Stories

Hilary's school, Marlpool, has done really well in the Scottish Education awards. They have reached the final as the most enterprising special school . You can express your congratulations by giving Hilary Tesco school vouchers for computers, or ink cartridges and mobile phones to recycle

Anne Forster is now qualified as a PGA Level 1 coach. We all know who we can now approach to improve our golf swing or to reduce our handicap.

Do you have good news to share? Please let Anne F, Hilary or Maurice know, so it can be included in future issues of the Squeaky Wheel.