

June 18 – a beautifully sunny evening saw ROCC sponsoring a Charity Event in aid of the University of Brighton Foundation Fund. The event was held at the university and chairman and chief executive **Michael Aldrich** was delighted that so many distinguished guests and local dignitaries were able to attend the prestigious function.

In his address to the guests he said he had three roles to play that evening; one as sponsor, secondly as a fundraiser and finally as a donor of a painting.

He talked about ROCC and its interests in higher education and that the university had always provided a large percentage of the company's staff intake.

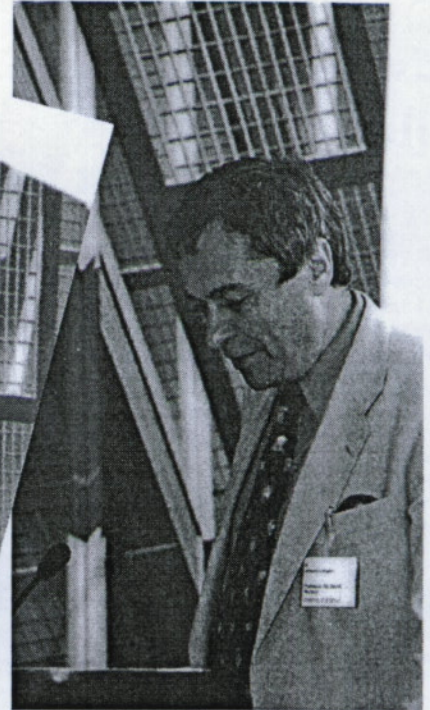
His role as a fundraiser (he is chairman of the trustees of the charity) was to make the assembled guests aware of the Foundation Fund and how it was set up to help in the development of the university. It was a charitable trust, he said. It had raised over £100,000, was in the process of expanding its operations and was seeking assistance in whatever way the guests felt appropriate to realise the university's vision.

There are three types of activities, he said: sponsored events such as tonight's function. Projects – like the Intranet project for the University of Natal, the Art Collection, as well as new building schemes. Also, scholarships are very close to his heart, he said. Here the university would promote these to encapsulate long and short duration study, plus travel, books and computer equipment. Here is where assistance in making this possible is needed.

In summing up Aldrich said that it gave him much pleasure to present to the university a painting by Brendan Neiland RA, which was originally commissioned by the Aldrich family. However, upon reflection, it was more appropriate that it should hang in the Aldrich Library.

After the unveiling of the painting, director of the university Sir David Watson announced to the guests that a second unveiling would take place – a portrait of Aldrich painted by Brighton graduate Kenny McKendry and this would hang in the university's boardroom.

ROCC's Charity Event



*Sir David Watson – director of
University of Brighton*

*Chairman and chief executive Michael
Aldrich is seen congratulating Brendan
Neiland RA on his painting of the
Aldrich Library*



*Artist and former Brighton graduate
Kenny McKendry is seen in front of the
portrait he painted of Michael Aldrich*

From the Editor



In this issue we cover ROCC's sponsored charity event at the University of Brighton and a report on how ROCC fared at the Computer Weekly 5-a-side football tournament.

Beryl Hutchin editor

Finally, pictured right is head of learning resources Christine Moon, who organised the charity event at the university



Event pics...

Guests enjoying the delicious food laid on by the university's catering division



Leading local dignitaries and MPs attended. Seen here is David Lepper, MP for Brighton Pavilion with his wife and Michael Aldrich

The Worshipful Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Council Councillor Jenny Langston, below



Laura Moffatt MP for Crawley pictured with her husband and ROCC's chairman



Walk Postponed

The day that the April edition of Newsline was published, the editor received a telephone call from customer engineer John Ashton to say that sponsored walk along the Great Wall of China had been postponed.

Due to the NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade and the antipathy towards the Americans and British in China, the Foreign Office had strongly advised that British travellers intending to visit the country should change their plans.

June 11 - news in from John that the rescheduled date for the walk is October 21, returning October 31. Temperatures then will be around 20-25°C. John told Newsline that he is walking at weekends to become super fit for the trek along the wall.

Pauline's Course

Progress chaser Pauline Sparkes recently completed a First Aid at Work course, compliant with the Health & Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.



Picture shows Pauline flanked by I to r: spares and admin supervisor Michael Norbury and technical services manager Martin Palmer

Next month sees the Ifield Barn presenting 'Bazaar and Rummage' a hilarious comedy by Sue Townsend.



The play is about a group of self-help agoraphobics who, although unable to leave their homes for a variety of reasons, are persuaded to help at a local bazaar. While they rummage, their individual fears erupt and, as they leave the hall, it is apparent that their agoraphobia is far from cured.

Performances - July 20-24 inclusive starting at 8pm - tickets at £5 each.

SPORT

Computer Weekly Challenge

Rising in the early hours of Sunday morning, ROCC's gallant Olympians set forth to Highbury Football Ground, home of Arsenal FC, to do battle...cut back to reality... eight players and one manager travelled by car and train, to north London, to compete in the Computer Weekly 5-a-side tournament. Arriving early to check out the opposition and make sure that the shin pads they had packed would stand up to the competitive nature of such a tournament, the players then settled down to prepare for the first game.

The ROCC squad consisted of **Graham MacCormack, Scott White, John Turner, Tobin Aldrich, Elliott Christensen, Ali Choubandi, Michael Keen** and **Andy Westhead**, led by team manager **Godfrey Guinan**. Each player, resplendent in the new ROCC kit kindly provided by chairman **Michael Aldrich**, along with the payment of the entry fee, had a short warm up before the first game kicked off against Computer Associates.

This saw the ROCC team battle for a 2-2 draw against the competition's main sponsors, with goals from Scott White and a spectacular effort from Ali Choubandi. The second game followed immediately, not even allowing time for a drink of water to cool the players, and was against Boward Computer Services. The game was tied until Tobin scored from an acute angle to take ROCC in to the lead for the first time that day. The opposition equalised shortly afterwards but ROCC fought on to win the game 2-1.

...came close, but not quite close enough!

The final group match was to be against Fidelity Investments Limited, who were currently top of the group, one point above our team. ROCC had to win to proceed into the next stage of the competition. The team took the lead but Fidelity equalised shortly afterwards and later went ahead against a tiring ROCC team. Unwilling to give in, the ROCC team fought on to a final score of 3-3. In the dying seconds of the game ROCC came close to scoring the winning goal but not quite close enough!

The event proved to bring out a great team effort from all of the ROCC players, and not forgetting the team management. Talk on the way home looked forward to next year and the hope of reaching the final stages. ROCC should have a better chance than the England team, judging by their performance against Sweden the day before.

The annual event raises thousands of pounds for NCH Action for Children, Arsenal Charitable Trust and BCS Disability Group.

Wedding News

Technical support engineer **Tim Hemsley** was married to **Sarah Porter** on June 12 in Crawley.

Tim and Sarah are spending their honeymoon in Singapore and Bali.

Appointments

IT Maintenance Services - Crawley

Lis Perrin has joined as sales administrator working for commercial manager **Ken Beacom**.

Lis comes from Eurobell where she was employed as a call centre supervisor for 15 months and prior to this position she was with The Rank Group as a sales admin manager.

Academic qualifications: Btech – managing the office.

Lis is married to Neil and her leisure time is taken up with looking after her two naughty Amazon parrots, Biggles and Ginger. She enjoys travelling, particularly in the USA, listening to classical music, reading, gardening and collecting stamps.

Stores

Ian Jenkins has joined ROCC from Edwards High Vacuum where he was a forklift truck driver for 2½ years.

Mainly interested in sports, Ian plays football and is a follower of Crystal Palace FC. He also plays golf, likes watching cricket and socialising.

Surbiton

Tony Cattani joined us last month as a call screener, coming to ROCC from Marlow-based Lexmark where he worked for one year as a call controller. Prior to this he was employed by County Business Machines for three years as a supervisor.

He is married to Terri and they have two children, Georgina aged six and Roberta who is three years old. Tony told Newline that he is a volunteer for Guildford-based Radio Lion and is the Surrey area organiser for Westfield Sports Car Club. He is the proud owner of a Westfield, having built it himself.

Systems Division - Brighton

Direct Marketing

Lucy Tunstall joined this month as a marketing assistant, from agency Vera Sugg where she took on temporary assignments for a nine-month period.

Academic qualifications: BA in psychology – Northampton University.

During her leisure time, Lucy enjoys listening to a range of different music, going to concerts, walking, cycling and socialising.

UNICLASS

Godfrey Guinan has now been taken on as a programmer after a six month contract with us.

Prior to joining ROCC, Godfrey spent a year travelling round the world.

Academic qualifications: BSc computer science – University of Brighton.

Interests playing football, surfing, scuba diving, snow boarding. He plays the piano and is a great socialiser.

Becki Keating has transferred from marketing to take up a position as sales administrator.

