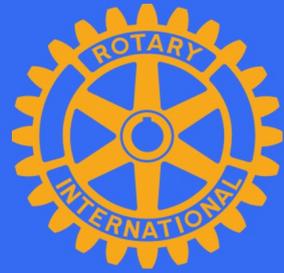




The ARCH

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham



February 2020

Thank You Hexham



Our annual Fore Street Christmas Collection took place between 17th and 22nd December. We are grateful to all who supported us in Fore Street and contributed to our collections

We give a special thankyou to the performers from Sele School, St Mary's Choir, Hexham First School, Hexham Brass Band, Orpheus, Antiphon, Youth Folk Band, and Hexham Ceilidh Band who provided the musical accompaniment.

This year we raised £2036, and this will be shared between Tynedale

Hospice at Home, The Hextol Foundation, and local charities supported by the club.

Our thanks to the generosity of the people of Hexham, and for the facilities provided to us by Andrew Coulson Estate Agents and Skipton Building Society.

We also thank all our dedicated Rotarians who provided a relay of Collectors throughout each day despite what the weather could throw at us.

The club provided great support and we managed to cover five days of collecting but without the support of those club members who offered their time to collect, we could not sustain this event. Whilst all of the hourly slots were covered, an unequal number were manned by members who covered more than one shift, several doing two or three with some covering four or more.



Tynedale Hospice benefits from our Talk

The C.E.O. of Tynedale Hospice at Home, Mike Thorneycroft is seen receiving a cheque for £1003.42 from the Hexham Rotary Club. This represented half the proceeds from the Lecture given in October by Rob Caskie in the Forum cinema on 'The North West Passage'. Hexham Rotary are delighted to be able to help the Tynedale Hospice and other local charities in this way.



Recognition by the President of Rotary International



President Andrew hands to Immediate Past President Roy, the Citation from the President of Rotary International which honoured the whole club for their achievements in 2018/19. Over the year in question the club had worked hard to fulfill the arduous conditions for the citation. These conditions vary each year but usually involve increasing membership, having an ac-



active programme and helping the relief of Humanitarian Disasters such as floods or earthquakes. Under Roy's leadership Hexham Rotary had contributed to all these and the Citation from the President of Rotary International, recognised this achievement.

Jaipur Limbs

Jaipur Limbs is a Rotary charity that provides low costs artificial limbs in third world countries. Hexham Rotary was fortunate on the 9th December to listen to Josy George who talked to us about the charity that works mainly in India but also in Africa and the Far East. This charity started in Jaipur in India and now works around the world.

In India there is a huge requirement for prosthetics as many people lose limbs as a result of accidents and limited medical facilities. The most common causes are traffic accidents and snake bites. As a result of the success of the project which started in 1985 in Jaipur, limb centres have been set up, not only in India but also in Africa and other Asian countries.

So what is the Jaipur Limb?

It is an artificial leg, developed at the Mahaveer hospital in Jaipur, India. The unique component is the Jaipur foot, a clever combination of wood and various densities of rubber vulcanised into a realistic looking brown foot. The Jaipur limb is hard-wearing and will last for three or four years, longer if worn with a shoe. One of the major differences between the Jaipur technology and western technology is the cost –



whereas a western limb will cost between £1,000.00 and £2,000.00, a Jaipur limb can be made and fitted for as little as £50.00.

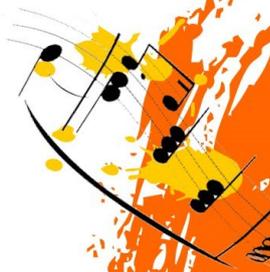
There are 9 trustees running the charity assisted by several co-opted managers, who divide their time between raising awareness of the project among Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland, identifying appropriate sites for projects, principally in India and Africa, and assisting in the preparation of programmes, budgets and financing for those projects. The bulk of their work in India revolves around Limb camps, with as many as 3000

patients turning up for help, but in Africa and other countries outside India they establish new permanent centres and provide ongoing support for them by way of technician training, materials and equipment. Our pictures, taken some years ago, show one of the Limb Centres in India. This one is at Khammam, near Hyderabad, and is helped by the local Rotary Club.





The Rotary Club of Hexham



HEXHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

15th - 16th May 2020
Jazz at Hexham Abbey

Tickets via the Abbey Website - hexhamabbey.org.uk (then search 'shop')
Cost : £12 each day, or £20 for a Friday and Saturday combined ticket.
Discounts at local hotels and restaurants on production of a valid ticket.

Featuring: Jo Harrop, Hot Club du Nord, Paul Edis, Graeme Wilson,
Nathan Lawson & Nick Branton Trio (see flyer for times and details)

Proceeds will benefit our cancer fund raiser, Rotary's Emergency
and Disaster Fund and named local charities in Hexham.

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Hexham Jazz Festival 2020 - Hexham Abbey

Friday 15th May

7.30pm - Hot Club du Nord



You can expect fresh, inspired interpretations of the material as well as recreations of some of the delightful arrangements from the original recordings. A treat for connoisseurs of swinging, string jazz and lovers of all things vintage!

"For lovers of the classic Stephane Grappelli - Django Reinhardt approach, this is right up there amongst the best in the UK."
Paul Bream, *Jazz Alert*

8.15pm - Paul Edis and Graeme Wilson



An unconventional setting for a jazz gig, the duo revel in the chance to play with the incredible acoustics and atmosphere, summoning up the sounds of heaven and hell in a continuous improvised set.

"A performance of bravura free improvisation with a melodic basis... these are two of the finest improvisers in the North-East".
Andy Hamilton, *Jazz Journal*.

9.30pm - Hot Club du Nord



Saturday 16th May

3.00pm to 4.00pm Nathan Lawson
(in the Abbey Refectory)

Nathan has attended the 'Young Musician Program' at The Sage for 8 years. He is inspired by the chord soloing of Joe Pass and fingers style playing of Chet Atkins.



7.30pm - The Nick Branton Trio



Originally formed as a tribute to the Pee Wee Russell album "Ask Me Now", the trio has developed away from a rigid set of tunes. Their music is very much influenced by the album but now they move through a mix of dixieland, swing and "classic" free jazz, using the frameworks of the tunes to explore their own approach to improvising and creating music.

8.30pm - Jo Harrop with
The Paul Edis Trio



Described as a "velvet voiced" singer Jo is a rising star in the UK and Europe. She's performed at venues across the capital, including : the Royal Albert Hall, 606 Club, Pizza Express, the Hideaway and at festivals and clubs all over the UK, headlining Scarborough Jazz Festival, Burton Agnes Jazz and Blues Festival and performing at Sage Gateshead.

She joins 'Brilliant young pianist' Paul Edis and virtuosos Andy Champion (double bass) and Russ Morgan (drums) to perform swinging music rooted in the straight-ahead tradition.

Additional local youth jazz events on Sunday afternoon 17th May (pay on the door)

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Our next edition is due out on the 1st April and the deadline for articles is the 23rd March. We need more contributors to send in articles on Rotary, the local area, letters or suggestions for the future. Please email the editor, John on dumbrelljl@btinternet.com.

Photographs are welcome, either emailed as jpegs or as prints which will be returned.

The Northumberland Log Bank

In January we had a riveting talk by Kate Thick who has started a new charitable project providing wood for families that are suffering from fuel poverty. Why have a Log Bank? Simply put, there are families who cannot afford to heat their homes properly and just as a Food Bank provides food for the needy, a Log Bank provides wood to those who need it. Fuel poverty can have



Volunteers

a detrimental impact on physical health as well as increasing the risk of mental health problems and negatively impacting children's education. Kate got the idea while drystone walling on estates and farms where she sees a lot of fallen wood. She talked to several agencies and to the Northumberland County Council, all of whom thought it was an excellent idea and filled a need across the county. Fuel poverty is affected by three key factors - income, fuel costs and home energy consumption/energy efficiency – and relates to homes that have to spend a high proportion of their household income to keep their home at an adequate standard of warmth and is a particular challenge because of the Northumberland's geography. Those most affected by fuel poverty tend to live in isolated rural communities in houses with poor insulation and a

key issue for Northumberland is improving the energy efficiency of people's homes. They have found that a high percentage of the people they help already have a log burning stove or open fire but often cannot afford to run it. Most of their referrals come from Food Banks.

In terms of emissions, wood is considered a better fuel than coal, oil or LPG (currently) particularly if it sourced locally and sustainably. The efficiency of it burning as a fuel depends on the stove/fire, the moisture content and the type of wood

The project is in its infancy at the moment and currently has two Log Banks, both on farms, one is just outside Wooler serving north Northumberland & the other near Haydon Bridge for west Northumberland and Tynedale. The idea is

to open more Log Banks across north and west Northumberland in the areas of greatest deprivation. The Northumberland Log Bank is a non-registered charity with a Constitution under the auspices of Northumberland Community Voluntary Action. The Northumberland Fuel Bank sources seasoned hard wood from estates – for example, Ford & Etal, Northumberland Estates and Newcore – and farms or large lumbar companies, and more are signing up. Northumberland County Council helped by funding a trailer! From September to December, the Northumberland Log Bank delivered logs to 22 households, some only once, some up to six times. The deliveries stretched from Crookham to Riding Mill and Kielder to Craster ... but this is only a drop in the ocean, there are thousands more households in fuel poverty



Wooler Log Bank in Action

The Northumberland Log Bank wants to expand to cover about 2000 households but aims to

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Heydon Bridge Log Bank - awaiting its first stocking



Wooler at Work

keep its operation simple and plans to make it carbon neutral by the use of solar panels to power their equipment and transport. They will remain non-intrusive – all they ask is for log recipients to sign a letter to allow us to have their contact details and to agree the safety of the fire/log burner is their responsibility. They are looking for volunteers to help with deliveries and also with sourcing, sorting and storing the logs. They would also welcome donations in cash or kind to help with their work. Kate Thick can be contacted on katethick@hotmail.com JLD

Rotary Junior TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

At the RTC North facility in Sunderland on the 28th November, 60 potential young engineers from 7 to 11 years old took part in a fantastic day which gave them an opportunity to make structures using paper, card, clips and glue. The levels of invention and imagination were remarkable. After lunch



they carried out experiments to filter water and report on their experimental findings. The Rotary event was very well supported by Northumbrian Water, Labman Robotics and RTC North. Age groups were Foundation 7 to 9 years, won by Whickham Fellside Primary School and Advanced 10 to 11 years won by Whitting-



ham Primary CofE School. Organiser Chris Baylis held their prize giving on 5th December.

The next event in this series is the **Rotary Senior Technology Tournament on Friday 20th March** which is for students of 11 years upwards. If you are interested contact AG Chris Baylis on 07831 119715 or by email to chris.s.baylis@btconnect.com (reproduced from the North East Rotary Bulletin)

Keep This Date Free

April 2nd is our “Gin Tasting” evening in aid of our Disaster Fund. It will be held at Majestic Wines and tickets at £10 per head will be available shortly.

The next event, supporting our Disaster Fund, is a talk in the Forum Cinema on the evening of 22nd September by Lauren Woodwiss on “Rowing Across the Atlantic and running the Marathon des Sables”.

