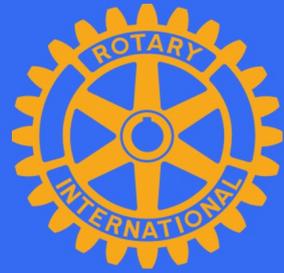




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The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham



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New Year Message

May I take this opportunity to wish our members their families and all who read this magazine a happy, healthy, peaceful and successful New Year.

Following our exertions over the Christmas period and before we embark upon the diet we promised ourselves, perhaps we can spend a few minutes to think about the many around the world who are less fortunate. As Rotarians we commit to "Service Above Self" and try always to be mindful of those who live in fear or hunger and those who, through no fault of their own, are homeless and alone. Through our organisational skills, personal efforts and other resources available to us, we remain committed to do good in this world and through the worldwide fellowship of Rotary to make a difference. If you are reading this and are not yet a Rotarian and would like to know more about us, why not add "taking a closer look at Rotary" to your New Year resolutions.

You would be more than welcome to attend a meeting or another of our events as a first step, you will receive a warm welcome and probably already know some of our members.

We have a very active and exciting social diary already planned between now and the summer, details of which you will find on our website www.hexhamrotary.co.uk. In addition to the project work and fundraising we are involved with both locally and worldwide, we know how to enjoy ourselves. Come and know us better.

Roy Dallison .

President of The Rotary Club of Hexham.

TWO NEW MEMBERS START 2019 WITH US

At our first meeting of 2019, President Roy enrolled two new Rotarians bringing our numbers up to 43. Andrew Moore and Brian Earl were welcomed into the club with a short ceremony and both said how delighted they were to be able to join us and looked forward to taking part in all our activities.

Andrew was introduced by Andy Rigg who gave a brief resumé of his career. By coincidence, when Andy Rigg was new to the Hexham area, Andrew introduced him to Round Table. Andy was now able to return the compliment and introduce him to Rotary. Andrew is married to Ann and they live in Hexham.

Brian was introduced by Andy Pryor who said "I have known Brian for around 7 years from the time he joined Hexham Bridge Club. He is married to Margaret, has lived in Humshaugh for 12 years."



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Born in Gilsland, Brian grew up in Newcastle and qualified as a Certified Accountant at Leeds Polytechnic. He has worked for Northern Electric, Tyne & Wear County Council and other companies ending up as a Financial Director. His many interests include Golf and Bridge and will have a lot in common with many of our globe trotting members, having travelled extensively to South America, South East Asia, India, Nepal, Morocco, Western USA and Europe. He also started the Humshaugh Oil Buying Group in November 2011, and still runs it. This involves organising heating supplies to households within a 5 miles radius of Humshaugh. It currently has over 200 active members and over the 7 years of its existence, has purchased more than 2.2 million litres of oil on behalf of members.

Rotary Fore Street Christmas Collection



The week before Christmas our annual Christmas Collection took place in Fore Street.

Tynedale Inner Wheel collected on Monday, and Hexham Rotary from Tuesday through to Saturday.

The collection in very mixed weather was carried out in turn by two collectors in one



hour sessions. We were supported with music from St Mary's Choir, Hexham Brass Band, Hexham Male Voice Choir, Antiphonal, Sele School, Orpheus Choir, and Hexham Village Band, who all generously gave their time and thoroughly entertained the public. In all 31 of our members and one member's wife took part.



Our thanks also go to Andrew Coulson Estate Agents and Skipton Building Society for storage facilities, and also to Beales for coming to our rescue and allowing a choir to perform in their store during a heavy rainstorm.

Finally thanks to the generous people of Hexham who contributed to our collection which raised £1,881 which will be shared equally with our three nominated charities, Tynedale Hospice at Home, West Northumberland Food Bank and Hexham Youth Initiative.

Jim Yeomans

Money Raised for ShelterBox



Hedley and Juliet Novis organised a “Soup Kitchen” at their home in Hexham in aid of ShelterBox, the charity that provides immediate aid in the aftermath of disasters all over the world.

The event took place on Saturday 12th January and was open to all



their friends from Hexham Rotary Club who were invited to join in and have a lunch of soup and a crust of bread and to make a donation to ShelterBox. Almost £200 was raised by the diners who had a choice of excellent soups served in mugs with a slice of baguette. Juliet is shown here with Irene and Jean who gave a helping hand. President Roy also lent a hand taking the orders for soup- “Stilton & Onion, Pumpkin & Ginger, Pea & Mint or Carrot & Orange, Madam?”

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TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the evening of **Tuesday, 12th March** 2019, Hexham Rotary Club is organising a lecture in the Forum Cinema when **Doug Scott C.B.E.** will be the guest speaker.

Doug Scott is an internationally renowned Mountaineer who first became famous for his ascent, with Dougal Haston, up the South West face of Everest on Chris Bonington’s expedition in 1975. His talk will be entitled ‘**The Hard Road to Everest**’ and you can learn more about him on his website

www.dougscottmountaineering.co.uk.

All proceeds from the ticket sales will be shared between Hexham Rotary Club Disaster Fund and Doug Scott’s charity Community Action Nepal and its earthquake reconstruction Fund. The Forum Cinema Café will be open from 6 p.m. and the talk will start at 7 o’clock. It is hoped that ticket holders will arrive

early in order both to inspect Nepalese goods which will be on display for sale

Friday 21st June - Calendar Girls. A talk by **Tricia**, one of the original Calendar Girls followed by the film and an opportunity to ask questions.

Both talks are likely to be oversubscribed so book now. Further information is on our website at www.hexhamrotary.co.uk

Our Christmas Dinner - Monday 17th December



We celebrated Christmas in style with a traditional Christmas Dinner attended by 60 members and guests at the Beaumont hotel in Hexham. We were entertained by Bishop Stephen Pedley who took us back to 1951 and the penguin books issue of Pevenser's Counties of England. Although not in the first issue, Northumberland came out a little later and the Bishop used its

text to remind us of Hexham's historic past and the importance of preserving it for future generations.

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Robots, AI and APPS

On the 21st January, our speaker was Dr Keith Morris who gave us a glimpse of 21st Century Health Care and what IT has to offer and how he thinks it will affect us. We were told how the Da Vinci Robot - cost £2m - can help with delicate surgery but is operated by a human so, fear not, the robot does not operate on its own but is merely a tool to help the surgeon and because it improves accuracy and allows smaller incisions, recovery time is improved. We were shown a short video of the robot peeling a grape!!

Likewise, AI does not make decisions on your treatment but by analysing vast amounts of data, can help the doctor diagnose problems and can point out the latest treatments. Finally Dr Morris pointed out that there are many apps available on the internet and elsewhere that people can use. However some are better than others and the NHS has a list of certified apps that can help with one's everyday care. Examples are apps for Diabetes, Healthy Walking and Baby Care.

An interesting and informative talk.

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We Need Your Views

To keep our magazine alive and up to date we need more articles from club members. It is your magazine - articles can be on any subject, local stories, review of a meal out or an interesting visit. Stories, especially with pictures, are most welcome. It is better to email the pictures but actual photos can be accepted and will be returned after being copied. Send any items to me at dumbrelljl@btinternet.com.

John Dumbrell, Editor.

A Submariner's View

Ian White, at our evening meeting in the Abbey on Monday 28th January, gave us an excellent account of his life in the Royal Navy serving on submarines. His humorous talk took us through his training and eventual service on several submarines and included the pros and cons of submarine life - more cons than pros!!