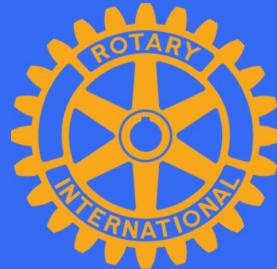




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The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham

April 2019

The Hard Road to Everest

On Tuesday 12th March Brian Massey had arranged a special evening at the Forum Cinema in Hexham. He welcomed Doug Scott, the famous mountaineer who had agreed to talk to us. Ticket sales went well and the evening was a sell out.



Doug gave a wonderful account of his early life and his interest in mountaineering. Starting with boyhood friends from Nottingham, after whetting their appetites on the local crags in Derbyshire and, later, in the Lake District and Wales, they travelled further afield. He showed us their travels to mountain ranges in Europe, Africa and Asia where he and his companions climbed many new peaks. This included some places in Afghanistan, Mali and other countries it would be very hazardous to visit today.

His adventures included several trips to Baffin Island where the rigours of the climate and bivouacking skills enhanced his preparations for Everest in 1975 where, under the leadership of Chris Bonington, he helped pioneer a new route up the mountain.

He and his partner, Dougal Haston, reached

the summit late in the day and had to spend a night in a snow hole just below the summit on their way down. They ran out of oxygen but survived the

9 hour night without frostbite. This encouraged others to reach the summit without oxygen.

Doug has climbed in North America, where, among other climbs, he scaled El Capitan in Yosemite.

Doug started his talk by explaining the work of his charity "Community Action Nepal" which was established by mountaineers

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to help the poorer communities and porters in Nepal. The charity built schools and health centres, but the 2015 earthquake devastated much of their work. The charity is now concentrating on restoring these facilities using local resources and craftsmen in sustainable projects built with resilience to earth tremors in mind.

The lively evening was split into two parts and the interval offered opportunities to buy the Nepalese goods and

also to purchase many of Doug's books and photographs. All of these he obligingly signed. On show were a number of framed and signed original prints which Doug auctioned and these raised several thousand pounds for his charity. Our President snapped up the last remaining one.

Brian Massey organised the evening helped by members of Hexham Rotary and their friends, who manned the stalls selling the books and artifacts while Doug Scott was busy autographing items. The evening closed with brief remarks and warmest thanks to both Doug, Brian and the audience by the President of Hexham Rotary, Roy Dallison.

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Arizona Visit

My wife and I spent most of February in Arizona, USA, and took the opportunity to visit Tucson Rotary Club and Scottsdale (Phoenix) Rotary Club. Both of these clubs have over 200 members and we were welcomed and entertained by what seemed to be most of them.

At Tucson, the speaker was the magnificently named, Chuck Huckleberry, Pima County Administrator who manages a 1.3 billion dollar budget covering all aspects of transport and flood control. He outlined the latest plans for a new Phoenix-Tucson-Mexico highway, as the present provision of highways is limited throughout Arizona.

The visit to Scottsdale Rotary was at the magnificent McCormick Ranch Golf Club and also had a very interesting speaker in the person of Alan Dale, a real live cowboy, who had decided, as he was in his 70's, to retire and lay up his spurs, but not his Stetson as, like all cowboys, he only takes off his hat whilst in bed, but puts it back on again if anyone phones.!! He is selling his ranch of some 250,000 acres, so if there are any takers??



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Alan Day's upbringing branded him a cowboy from the day he was born. He was part of the third generation to grow up on the 250, 000 acre Lazy B cattle ranch straddling the high deserts of southern Arizona and New Mexico. The ranching and cowboy lifestyle appealed to him so greatly that after graduating from the university of Arizona, he returned to run Lazy B for the next 50 years.

During his career, Alan received numerous awards for his dedicated stewardship of the land. The Lazy B became the first government sponsored sanctuary for unadoptable wild horses. Alan developed and successfully used a herd modification training programme for his 2,000 head of cattle and 1,500 wild mustangs. He has written a book about Lazy B which went on to become a New York Times bestseller. He was kind enough to present us with a signed copy.

I spoke to the Presidents of both clubs to ask if they would be willing , should we identify a project, to consider any applications for Global Grants and both stated they would be happy to do this as both their previous grants were for successful schemes within Mexico and it would be neat to consider alternative worldwide locations.

Chuck Sawyer, the President of Tucson Rotary Club, spent some time in February visiting Los Alamos in Mexico and met members of the indigenous communities that are being supported by the Rotary Global Grant of \$118,172 proposed by his club. It is focused on improving the infrastructure of rural health care facilities to extend medical services and to provide training and support for wellness in these underserved rural communities.

Los Alamos includes a remote mountainous area where 7 Guaritijo indigenous communities live. The grant also included the use of modern ' telemedicine' satellite communications to monitor trained community members to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the project.

Arizona is a good area to find western memorabilia and associated antiques and visits by my wife and I into Mexico and around the borders and New Mexico

produced an excellent amount for shipping home. The only thing visitors to these areas should expect are frequent stops by US border patrols to check car boots, not for your purchases, but for Mexicans!!



Norman Wicks

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



In the summer of 1975, immediately after graduating from Newcastle University, I was very pleased to be offered a two year contract as Chief Land Surveyor to The Seychelles. I knew it was hot (but not how hot), lush (but not how green) and very friendly. Travel and accommodation was inclusive. At the age of 22 this all seemed very tempting.

be married shortly after she had completed her MSc. in Canterbury. Should I go on my own, not go at all, or not get married ? My first big dilemma in life. After much deliberation I

chose married life. 44 years later we found ourselves in The Seychelles on holiday and, of course, I had chance to review that important decision. The 155 islands in the Indian Ocean were fabulous. The fish life whilst snorkelling was the best I had ever seen. The food was delicious – fish and fruit, mostly raw. The sea was very warm and the beer was very cold.



But did I regret my decision? I did not. Elaine and I would have survived the being apart, I am sure, but I would not have comfortably enjoyed working for the two years with 95% humidity where a change of clothes was required three or four times day, being only 2 degrees south of the equator !

The photo of the giant tortoises was taken in a sanctuary set up on the island of Moyenne in 1962 by a man called Brendon Grimshaw from Yorkshire who never returned home to Britain. He too was a Rotarian – the Rotary badge hangs on the wall. He subsequently donated the island for public access and it is now a National Park. The other pictures illustrate that The Seychelles is a wonderful part of the world that I was grateful to get to visit, 44 years after my first attempt.

Andrew Rigg.

Battlesteads Hotel and Dark Sky Observatory

February 20th was a special day for our Rotary Club. President Roy had organised an evening at Battlesteads Hotel in the small village of Wark some 15 miles North of Hexham.

The Hotel is also home to the Battlesteads Dark Sky Observatory an accessible, public astronomical observatory offering talks, activities, stargazing and Astro courses to suit anyone from the absolute beginner to the professional. Located under very dark skies, behind the hotel, the observatory offers the perfect compromise between the beautiful majesty of dark skies and the facilities offered by a 21st Century Countryside Village location. So after an excellent dinner in the hotel, 26 of us walked up to the observatory following a path lit by dim red lights – the red light



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allowed our eyes to get accustomed to the dark. Sadly the evening was cloudy and so we were not able to use the telescope to view the stars but were entertained by Chris Duffy, one of the lead astronomers at the Observatory.

Chris gave a most interesting talk starting with the moon and some of its legends before moving on to scientific facts. He then demonstrated the enormous distances in space before showing us how to locate various stars and galaxies. The talk was accompanied by some excellent photos and videos to explain his points. We spent two interesting hours listening to him and returned to our coach at about 11pm.

The observatory was not the only attraction, Battlesteads Hotel gave us an excellent meal and is renowned for its selection of beers and ale, which we sampled quite freely as Roy had laid on a coach from our homes in Hexham.

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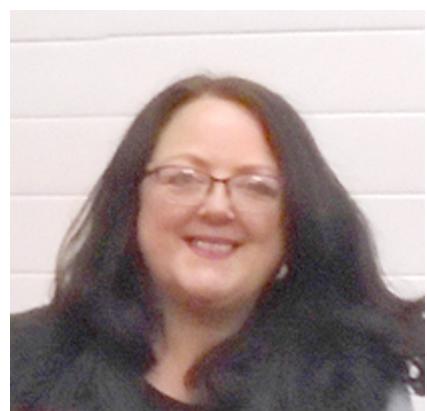
West Northumberland Food Bank

It was In September 2013 that I was asked if I would chair a steering group being set up in order to facilitate the establishment of a food bank, located in Tynedale. There was, at that time, a clear and increasing need and, whilst there were established food banks in other areas around the North East, there did not seem to be easy access for those in need of help locally.

I was delighted to accept the role and, in addition to the formation of the steering group, I took the lead on logistics (supply and warehousing). The project was hosted by Hexham Community Partnership and with support from many organisations, local business and churches of all denominations we moved quickly from concept to operation and the West Northumberland Food Bank was up and running before Christmas that year.

Through funding made available by Hexham Community Partnership, we were able to employ, for two days a week, a coordinator with an initial task of recruiting and training a team of volunteers able to support the warehousing, packaging and distribution of the range of food available at any time. The coordinator was Sam Gilchrist, Sam is still in post and, without her commitment and dedication, the project could not have achieved the hopes and goals we had at its conception. Sam has worked tirelessly and with great compassion and understanding, committing considerably more time than her contractual hours require.

Through one of our steering group members, ADAPT, we were given the use of an unused office



Sam Gilchrist

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which, with the help of the local management at Waitrose, we were able to develop into a fully racked warehouse and were ready to go. We also reached agreement with our local supermarkets to place bins near their checkout area which enabled local shoppers to show their support with items of tinned or dry goods, these relationships continue with more stores around Tynedale contributing.

Once up and running we created four sub groups in order to develop the project, gain knowledge and stability with a view to achieving the charitable status enjoyed today. These sub groups were: Project Development, Logistics, and Bank Store, which was to ensure efficient and effective warehousing and to enable the nominated distribution centres to carry out their role effectively. Finally we had a very active Publicity Sub Group with one task, **“to keep the Food Bank in the public eye”**.

The purpose of the Food Bank is not just to hand out packs of food. All recipients are identified through a referral process and, where an ongoing need is identified, Sam and those volunteers trained to do so



Jim Yeomans Sam Gilchrist Roy Dallison

will seek to learn the nature of the problems being experienced and to seek practical help and support where appropriate. It is not uncommon for those needing help to feel overwhelmed and isolated; the practical and emotional support offered is welcomed and valued by many of those who have benefited. The West Northumberland Food Bank gained its charitable status in June 2014 and has gone from strength to strength. Today it has eight distribution centres and last year supported almost 500 households in poverty and has dealt with and met 3,000 requests for help, around half of these come from those with Mental Health needs and/or Physical Health needs and Disabilities; others are helped with debt and benefit problems. Typically they deal with around 60 requests for help every week as well as distributing food and other household essentials. In partnership with Sure Start Children's Centres last year, 438 children were fed with the majority being under the age of 11 years old.

The West Northumberland Food Bank continues to offer a much needed service to families across West Northumberland. I feel very honoured to have played a small part in the development and establishment of this organisation which makes a real difference to those needing help. Hexham Rotary made the Food Bank one of our charities at Christmas and we were happy to present Sam with a cheque for £771 following our collection in Fore Street.

*Roy Dallison
President, Rotary Club of Hexham.*

Cyclone Idai

We will all have read and seen pictures of the massive disaster that hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe on 14th March when winds of over 100 mph with torrential rain hit the coast of Mozambique, destroying homes, bridges and roads and causing flooding covering over 1,200 square miles. Neighbouring countries Malawi and Zimbabwe also suffered high levels of rainfall and all three governments have now formally requested international assistance to meet the humanitarian response required. The requests are for food, shelter, education, health and non-food items as well as logistical support. It is now estimated that over a million people will have lost their families, homes and their livelihoods with a minimum of over 700 having lost their lives. This figure will sadly increase once the flood levels have gone down.

International agencies are building two reception camps at Beira to accommodate 400,000 people and to provide food and health services. ShelterBox have sent a team to Malawi, where they have a base, to assess how they will best be able to respond and the Disaster and Emergencies Committee have launched an appeal for money to help communities recover and rebuild after this devastating cyclone.

At last Monday's Club meeting, we agreed that our Disaster Fund will send £500 to Aquabox for the purchase of two community water filters. Later on, we will discuss other ways in which the Club can respond. We have already joined with the RC Tynedale on 26th March collecting in Fore Street where we raised £917 between us. Our recommendation is for the money raised to go to the RIBI Donations Trust (Idai Appeal). This fund was set up with the purpose of responding to major disasters at home and abroad in the reconstruction phase following a disaster. Typical projects include the rebuilding of schools, community centres, homes and infrastructure and providing rescue vehicles.

We have chosen this course as we have already donated £1,439.50 to ShelterBox in the last Rotary year.

We will, of course, be happy to receive any personal donations, cheques should be made out to "The Rotary Club of Hexham Charity Account" and, if you are eligible, the club can claim gift aid on your donation. We will then ensure your donation reaches the country concerned.

Wikipedia has this to say about Intense Tropical Cyclone Idai. "It is regarded as one of the worst tropical cyclones on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere as a whole. The long-lived storm caused catastrophic damage in multiple nations, leaving more than 700 people dead and hundreds more missing. In the Southern Hemisphere, its death toll is comparable to that of the 1892 Mauritius cyclone, the 1903 French Polynesia cyclone, the 1927 Madagascar cyclone, and Cyclone Leon-Eline in 2000."

Hedley Novis

Our Programme of Speakers in February and March

Thanks to our Speakers' Secretary—Shelagh Carter—we have enjoyed a succession of good speakers at our recent meetings. Below is a summary of their talks but more information is available on our website at <http://www.hexhamrotary.co.uk/Latest%20News/index.html>

10 Years as an RAF Media Specialist

Monday 25th March was an evening meeting in the Abbey Great Hall and we were entertained by Squadron Leader Tony Newton who gave a fascinating account of his switch to join the RAF Reserve in his forties. His account of the selection process and his trials and tribulations was eye-opening culminating with his description of an exercise wearing full Nuclear, Biological and Chemical protection including a respirator and trying to operate a laptop in an hostile environment.

Computing and the Classics

Nick Rossiter gave us an interesting talk on Monday 11th March based on his career at various universities. Although a chemist initially, he branched out into various aspects of computing and gave an interesting account of how computers had developed over the last 40 years with particular emphasis on relational databases and data management. He finished by showing similarities between his work and the ancient Greek Philosophers.

A Fishy Tale

Monday 4th March saw John Dumbrell talking about his trip to the Jurassic Lake, Lago Strobel, in Argentina fishing for large rainbow trout. He had time to explore the capital and turned his talk into a travelogue.

A Talk by Journey

Our meeting on Monday (25th Feb) featured Daybreak Journey in a talk by Linzie Metcalfe and Maggie Leadbeater. Daybreak is a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities and additional needs. Daybreak currently have three hubs; Hexham (Northumberland), Coundon (Co Durham) and Montagu (Newcastle). All their hubs have a fantastic array of activities from a training bakery (Hexham), horticultural market garden (Minsteracres) and a dance and drama programme (Montagu). Each hub provides an extensive independent living skills programme which is tailored to meet individual needs, such as healthy living, cooking, travel training, relationships and employment. Have a look at their website <http://www.journeyenterprises.co.uk/>

A Submariner 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!!

Robots, AI and APPS

Today, 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 im-

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proves accuracy and allows smaller incisions, recovery time is improved. We were then 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 signpost 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 our everyday care. Examples are apps for diabetes, healthy walking and Baby Care. An interesting and informative talk.

Holiday Disasters

At our meeting on Monday 14th January, Ron Henry gave a slide presentation on two recent holidays. His first to the Cape Verde Islands in a newly built hotel was marred by teething troubles and a lack of facilities. His second was to Yellowstone in the middle of winter but due to snow, ice, crew changes in the UK, he never got there but spent three days getting back home. Just hope he is not booked on your flight next time!!

A Progress report on Polio Eradication

We all know that Global Polio Eradication was championed by Rotary International. Rotary therefore became a member of the quartet partnership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative — World Health Organisation (WHO), Rotary, Unicef and US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) — a unique and unprecedented experience for Rotary.

Polio eradication, the largest and most ambitious global public health programme in history, is nearing completion: of the three types of natural (or wild) polio viruses, Type 2 was globally eradicated in 1999. Type 3 has not been seen anywhere since November 2012; probably that too has been eradicated but we must wait some more time to be sure. Type 1 continues to circulate in Pakistan and Afghanistan. India remains vulnerable to its import; to mitigate that risk we must sustain high population immunity. Hence Pulse Polio immunisation is continued in India even though we eliminated Type 1 there way back in January 2011.

The second phase of polio eradication

Also known as the ‘endgame’, the second phase is to withdraw the live vaccine viruses contained in the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV), because they also can cause polio paralysis, though rarely. The risk-benefit ratio of OPV was highly favourable as long as wild viruses were causing polio in large numbers. Once wild viruses are eliminated, the risk is more than the benefit so we must withdraw OPV. Since wild Type 2 is certified eradicated, Type 2 vaccine virus was withdrawn in April 2016 in a dramatic move, globally and synchronously. Now we give only bivalent OPV (bOPV) containing Types 1 and 3 vaccine viruses. After wild Types 1 and 3 are eradicated globally, bOPV will also be withdrawn. When vaccine viruses are withdrawn, an immunity vacuum will be created — that is very risky and to provide insurance against any chance re-introduction of poliovirus, wild or vaccine, immunity cover must be created with the injectable Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV).

India has introduced IPV nationally; currently it is given as intra-dermal injections at 6 and 14 weeks of age, but this schedule may be modified.

But many of us don’t know what the ‘Plus’ is, in **PolioPlus**. The Plus indicates an addition to Polio immunisation. To understand it, the table shows what “Plus” inoculations are given with the polio vaccine.

Dr T Jacob John

The UIP immunisation schedule

Age	Vaccines
Soon after birth	BCG, bOPV, hepatitis B vaccine (HBV)
6 weeks	bOPV, Pentavalent vaccine (DPT, HBV and Haemophilus influenzae b vaccine), IPV, Rotavirus vaccine, Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV)
10 weeks	bOPV, Rotavirus vaccine, Pentavalent vaccine
14 weeks	bOPV, Rotavirus vaccine, IPV, Pentavalent vaccine, PCV
9 months	Measles-Rubella vaccine (MR), PCV
15-18 months	Pentavalent vaccine, MR

President's Night



President Roy and the principle Guests

Organised by the President Elect, Andy Rigg, our President's Night on the 16th March was a great success. 60 members of the Club and their guests sat down to a three course meal in the Beaumont Hotel. Among the guests were the incoming District Governor, Jaqui Molyneux, and the Presidents of Hadrians Wall and Tynedale Rotary Clubs and their partners.

The Hotel had offered three choices of each course with the Chicken Wellington being the main course favoured by most. This was followed by the dessert where the honours were shared between an Orange Posset, Mississippi Mud Pie and a Fruit Salad.

After coffee, the President proposed the Loyal Toast and, after a short break, Andy announced a "Divertissement". This consisted of five short reminiscences by Club members on "facts" about our President's life. We heard how he might have been a spy in Russia, organised a somewhat dubious get together in the Wheatsheaf in Corbridge, how he almost swopped a Lada for a windscreen wiper blade or hid his company's secrets in Russian dolls, worked in Nigeria and

had an interesting visit to France. However, we were then left to guess which story was real, as most were entertaining fiction, although Roy admitted there might have been a grain of truth behind some of them.

Following his life history Roy thanked everyone who had made the evening possible and proposed the toast to the Guests. Jaqui Molyneux thanked Roy on behalf of the guests and, in turn, invited them to drink the Health of Roy and the Rotary Club of Hexham. After this the raffle was drawn and prizes presented to



the 11 lucky winners. Our thanks to Jane and Chris who arranged the raffle and sold the tickets. Our funds are now better off by £210.

All that remained was for President Roy to propose the final Rotary toast before we all made our ways home after an excellent evening.

JLD

Hexham Rotary breaks its Foundation Record

The club will be contributing the largest ever amount to Rotary Foundation this year thanks to the popular *Christmas Card* sales initiative with images supplied by members of the Hexham Photographic Society. Sales exceeded the previous year by over 25%. A good amount was also raised at a BBQ held at President Elect Andy Rigg's home and these, combined with a number of other welcome donations, meant we were able to send the substantial amount of £1,800 to Rotary Foundation.

Foundation team leader Sandy Rutherford said "This is a great result and thanks go to club members and members of the public who bought cards this year. We were also grateful to local companies who bought cards to send to their clients and to other businesses who agreed to display the cards and waived their normal commission. Thanks also to the Foundation Team who did a sterling job. This puts us in a good position to access funding in the future for potential District or Global Grants which in turn can raise significant amounts for identified causes".

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is Rotary's own Charity which supports projects covering 6 basic areas;

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| (1) Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, | (2) Disease Prevention and Treatment. |
| (3) Maternal and child health, | (4) Basic Education and Literacy, |
| (5) Water and Sanitation and Economic Aid | (6) Community Development. |

Every Rotarian is encouraged to make a voluntary contribution of around £60 each year to Foundation. This is money well spent as it goes to good causes world wide and The Rotary Foundation is among the three best run charities in the USA each year.

TRF uses the money to fund Peace Scholars and District and Global Grants all of which the club can bid for. It costs the club nothing for a Peace Scholar, as all the funding comes from TRF. If the club has a suitable project for a District Grant—usually up to about £1,000—then money from TRF will perhaps fund half of it. If the club finds a suitable project for a Global Grant—the budget for this would need to be over £25,000, perhaps funded by several clubs—then TRF might put in £18,000.

This is a very simplified introduction to TRF and there is much more to it including the donations it makes to End Polio; more can be found at www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/therotaryfoundation.

Calendar Girls Film Experience

The Rotary Club of Hexham offers the unique opportunity of listening to Tricia Stewart, one of the original Calendar Girls, on whose story the film is based, talk about her experiences, the subsequent play and now a musical, followed by a showing of the Calendar Girls film, starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters, together with a well-known cast.

There will also be an opportunity to ask Tricia questions. The event will take place at the Forum Cinema in Hexham on Friday June 25th at 6.15 pm (doors open at 5.30). Tickets are £15 each from Roy Dallison, tel 01434 608272; Hedley Novis, tel 01434 600992 or the Forum Cinema website.

Tickets are likely to be in short supply—our last event at the Forum sold out well before the performance—so book your seat early.



Future Events

We have an interesting speaker at most of our meetings and a full programme of events is published on our website at <http://www.hexhamrotary.co.uk/Future%20Events/Calendar-2.html>. The table below is an abridged version listing the main items of interest.

The programme for the next Rotary Year, which starts on the 1st July, will be published in the next issue but the next three months is shown below. Don't forget the talk and film on "Calendar Girls" and do book early.

Calendar showing Club Meetings only

EA= Evening Abbey, EB= Evening Beaumont Hotel

March				
EA	Monday 25	Sqn Ldr Tony Newton	10 years as an RAF media specialist	Brian Massey
	Tuesday 26	Club Council		
April				
	Monday 1	Business Meeting		
EB	Monday 8	Club AGM		
	Monday 15	Peter Rodger	What Hexham Community Partnership does for Hexham	Bob Hull
	Monday 22	No meeting		
E	Thursday 25	Evening walk	Pub dinner	
EA	Monday 29	Polio Fund Raiser	100 th Ann of the Forestry Commission. Woodland Fancy Dress	Andy Rigg
May				
	Monday 6	No meeting		
EB	Monday 13	Mrs Elspeth Straker	A Canadian Northumbrian? A Northumbrian Canadian?	Brian Massey
	Friday 17 - 19	Weekend away	Gatehouse of Fleet	Roger Abraham
	Saturday 18 th	District Assembly	Stadium of Light – 2 tickets per club	
	Monday 20	Mike Saxon	Wilfred - Hexham Superstar	Mike Saxon
EA	Monday 27	No meeting		
June				
	Monday 3	Business Meeting/ Club Assembly		
EB	Monday 10	Mel Wall	Long Range Desert Group	Terry Robson
	Sunday 16	President's at home	2pm At President's House	Roy Dallison
	Monday 17	Nicola Crawford	Natural Ability – Support for people with learning disabilities	Sandy Rutherford
E	Friday 21	The Calendar Girls Forum Cinema	6.30pm, Hear from Tricia Stewart, one of the original Calendar Girls and then watch the film. –	Hedley Novis
EA	Monday 24	Hot Club du Nord	Abbey Musical Evening - Black Tie, members + 1 guest only	Roy Dallison
July				
	Monday 1	President's Handover		
E	Monday 8	Lambshield Garden	Private tour of followed by a pub supper	Brian Massey

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.

As you can see in this issue, there are topics ranging from a Food Bank to Star Gazing and the latest on Polio Eradication but the number of writers can be counted on one hand. We desperately need more articles on a diversity of subjects. Why not write about your favourite charity or your hobby or even suggestions of how the club might improve. We even accept articles from non-Rotarians.

We also need write ups of Rotary events, if you are involved in any aspect of Rotary, then let us know what you are doing. It might be helping children in school, giving time to a local charity or tidying up the town.

Send any items to me at dumbrelljl@btinternet.com.

John Dumbrell, Editor