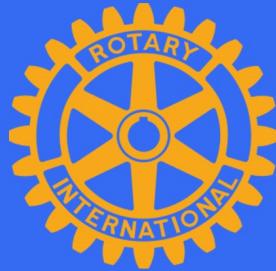




The ARCH



The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham

April 2021

A Letter from the Past

The following letter has just been found and may be of interest

29th July 1947

Dear Mr Appleyard,

May I say you once more many thanks for your very kind invitation to the Rotary Club meeting on Monday 29/7 and please would you be so kind to give the following message to your next Rotary meeting.

Mr President, gentlemen,

When the Head Postmaster brought me and my comrade back to Featherstone Camp on Monday night, I regretted very much not to have said any words of thanks for myself to you, and please, excuse me for not having done so. But I think nobody of yours can imagine how very impressive this wonderful evening has been to us. It was not only the happy feeling as 'a free man' amongst free men but the fine atmosphere of friendship and humanity which lay all over the meeting. There are great organisations, United Europe Committee or Federal Union in London and in many countries of Europe, which try to get true peace and progress for the pestered mankind, and they all have a lot of good ideas and principles, but here, we found the realisation of these ideas and the practise of true Christianity.

If such Rotary Clubs as yours would have been spread all over Europe and let me say, all over the world, we should have had never such all destroying catastrophes as like the two passed world wars, and all people in the world would live in better condition than most of them do now.

May I assure you that this meeting of yours was my greatest event, I ever had during my captivity. I will never forget these delightful hours in the evening of 28th July 1947 when I had the chance to join your Club.

It will be a new incitation to me and my friend to work in similar way for the realization of these ideas of friendship and humanity in our native country.

At last not to say the (unreadable): Thank you for kindness and gracious hospitality.

God bless you and your work.

Walter Baumgarten and on behalf of E Schauer.

The above was in an envelope addressed:

Copy of a letter from a German Prisoner of War at Featherstone to the Hexham Rotary Club

THANK YOU

Despite the lockdown, we continue to help local charities where we can and they are always grateful for our support. Here more letters we have received.

From: Karen Lill <karenlill545@gmail.com>
Sent: 10 March 2021 21:46
To: dumbrelljl@btinternet.com
Subject: Re: Haydon Bridge Playgroup

I can confirm we have received your donation of £250.
We are incredibly grateful for your help .. and as promised will forward a photograph of our setting
for your files within the next few days .
Many thanks - Karen Lill

Chrysalis Club Thanks
From: Helen Ord <helen@chrysalisclub.org.uk>
Date: Thu, 18 Feb 2021 at 14:11
Subject: Rotary Donation
To: <jandkrobinson@googlemail.com>

Dear John
Thank you - I can confirm receipt of the £250.00.

We are extremely grateful to the Rotary for this donation. Chrysalis Club does not receive any statutory funding and is dependent on the generosity of local community organisations, businesses and individuals to continue to provide this essential support to those living with dementia and their carers.

Many Thanks
Helen

Helen Ord
Trustee
Chrysalis Club Tynedale
Torch Centre
Corbridge Road
Hexham
Northumberland
NE46 1QS

Karen Lill <karenlill545@gmail.com>
10 March 2021 21:46
dumbrelljl@btinternet.com
Re: Haydon Bridge Playgroup

John Robinson
Treasurer of Hexham Rotary Club
18th February 2021



Everyone Deserves to Reach Their Potential

Dear John

Please find attached a receipt for Hexham's Rotary Club donation to Gateway into the Community for the grand sum of £250 from your Christmas Appeal. We are absolutely delighted. Please pass on our immense thanks to everyone at Hexham Rotary Club.

As you can imagine the past year has been an immense challenge. Our services needed now more than ever. Your donation will certainly be put to good use helping our beneficiaries through these extremely challenging and scary times.

Thank you once again for thinking of us.

Yours sincerely

Julia Ferguson

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Chief Executive

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17.03.2021

Dear Brian

On behalf of the staff of Hexham General I'd like to thank your team for your kind donation of hand creams for everyone.

It's always nice to know that we are all in your thoughts during these challenging times

Once again thank you so much from all of us,

Kindest regards



Natalie Richardson

Matron

Northumbria Healthcare NHS

NHS Foundation Trust

MORE MATERIAL NEEDED

The Arch has had to revert to an issue every two months as there are so few contributions coming from readers. Of course Lockdown means that many activities are curtailed but equally other opportunities have arisen. Please let us have some of your stories—have you read any interesting books, taken up a new hobby, researched your family tree or found a new walk? Do you have any suggestions for future activities? Taken any interesting pictures or helped your neighbours?

There must be scores of interesting titbits out there, so why not contribute to our newsletter.. If you are shy, we don't need to publish your name. Our next issue will be out on June 1st , so send any contributions in by the 20th May to;

dumbrelljl@btinternet.com

John Dumbrell, Editor

The Northumberland Log Bank

It is at least 18-20 months since Kate Thick came to speak to us at lunch about the charity "Log Bank" which helps the fuel poor residents of the county.

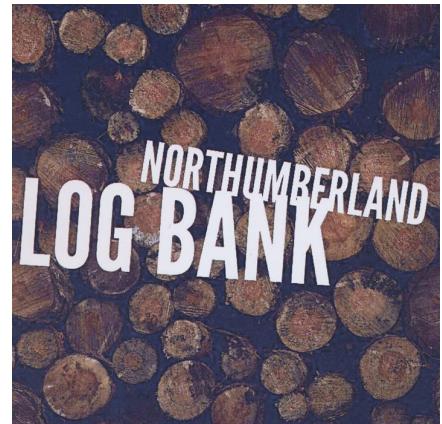
Last Autumn, I spoke to Kate as a Rotarian and started to support working sessions based on a farm within sight of Langley Castle. Log production here now covers distribution to south and west Northumberland and as far north as Kielder. North and east of the county is supplied from a depot at Wooler.

Later this year a third base will open at Kirkharle.

Timber supplies are kindly donated by estates, farms and individuals. The NCC help by passing on the names of clients in need of help.

We collect timber from these sources to dry under cover for 12 months after they have been sawn to length and split to size for domestic grates and wood burners. They are supplied well seasoned.

Presently only 5 or 6 volunteers operate at each location. The insurance cover demands high standards of safety. Chainsaw operators must be certified, and log splitting is only carried out within the safety perimeter. Both timber lengths and split logs are stacked on pallets with wheelbarrows.



Volunteers

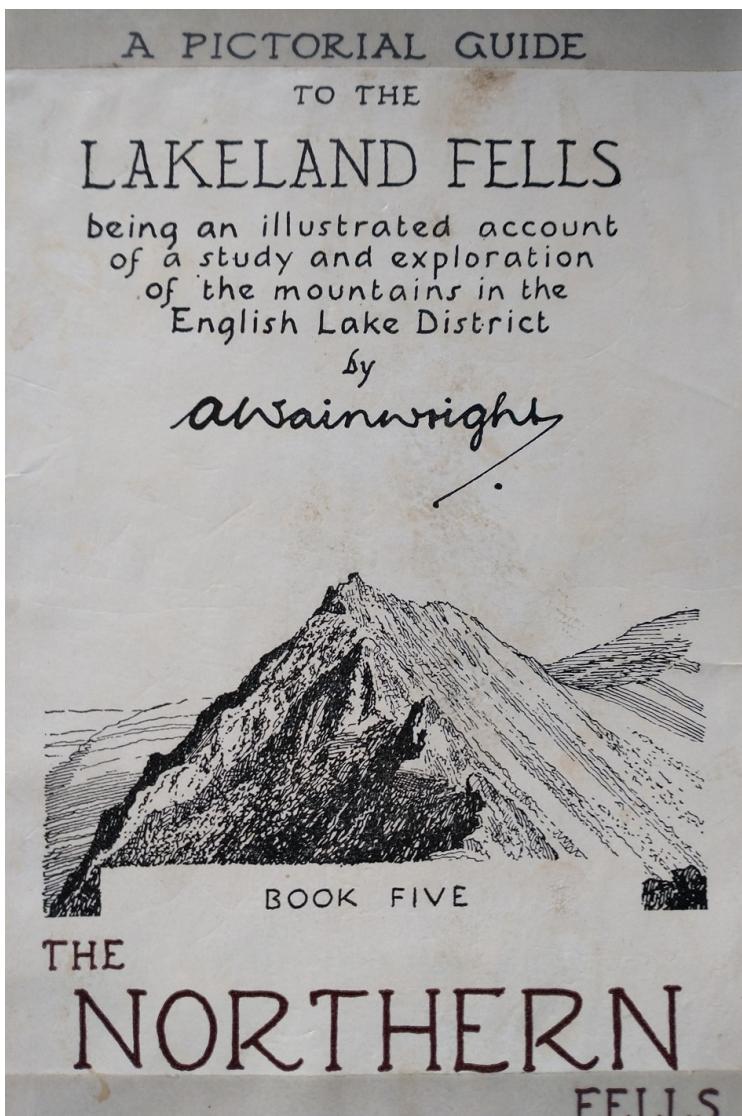
in progress on the site near Langley.

New volunteers would be welcome to help meet our needs, as demand has doubled and we now help 70 clients. Chainsaw operators would need to attend a 2 day course for insurance certification. In addition, the overall expansion of this active charity will increase the costs of vehicles, fuel and equipment. Perhaps our club could support us financially and keep me company.

Peter Trevelyan, March 2021.

A Walking Companion

As the end of lockdown seems to be within tantalizing reach, thoughts turn to roaming the fells once again. It is always good to have a companion and, whilst valuing the company of Kate and walking partners generally such as Past Presidents, Michael Saxon and Steve Middleton, an ever present companion for over fifty years when walking in Lakeland, has been the relevant one of the seven volumes of Alfred Wainwright's Pictorial Guides to the Lakeland Fells – the more extended prosaic title is displayed on the attached image.



It took A.W. thirteen years, from 1952 to 1965, to write these guides – all to a predetermined plan which he completed one week ahead of schedule! There are two initial riddles – what is “Lakeland” and what is a “Fell”. The first is easier to answer than the second – imagine the lakes themselves as the spokes of a wheel and A.W. defines “Lakeland” by drawing straight lines between the extremities of the outlying lakes, but arbitrarily extending this to Caldbeck in the north and Longsleddale church in the east. Regarding “A Fell” (there are 214 of them), nowhere does he define the term and there is no minimum height definition, such as in the Munros of Scotland, but he includes all the higher ground above valley level including all the summits and a large number of subsidiary summits along the ridges leading up to the high points. Each of the 214 fells has its own chapter, the longest being Blencathra which alone justifies 36 pages.

The Guides are truly unique, combining skills of cartography, artwork, stylish manuscript descriptions and a unique diagrammatic method of plotting ascent routes.

Both Kate and I have been acquainted with Lakeland since our respective childhoods and about six years ago, I totted up how many of the Wainwright Fells we were sure that we had climbed and it came to just over eighty; so, I gently broached the suggestion of climbing all the rest of them and, to my surprise, received a positive response from her – I wasn't surprised that she was up for the physical challenge but because she had always spurned the A.W. guides and thought of him as rather a cantankerous old curmudgeon!

So, we embarked on the challenge, which we hugely enjoyed, and reached the summit of the last one on 28th September 2017, climbing up a modest fell – Beda Fell, east of Ullswater – and

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notched up peak number 214.

It enabled us to explore parts of Lakeland which we would otherwise not have bothered with, such as the Uldale Fells “at the back of Skiddaw”, where I made my most serious navigational mistake in bad weather on a fell appropriately called Great Cockup!

One of the joys of reaching a summit, is to look up A.W.’s panoramic horizon view of the looking neighbouring fells and see their differing profiles from different locations – only a few such as Great Gable or Harter Fell (Eskdale) have the same distinctive shape from all sides.

In the unlikely event that I was ever asked to appear on Desert Island Discs, there is no doubt that my book would be the combined volumes of A.W.’s Lakeland Guides so that I could relive happy times.

Our favourite fell? – so many contenders but we will go with familiarity – one modest in height which we have climbed countless times – Loughrigg Fell, with great views of the high fells (the Coniston Fells, Bowfell, Langdale Pikes and part of the Helvellyn range) and down on Grasmere, the picturesque Loughrigg Tarn and the magnificent Langdale valley.

John Robinson

A £250 Grant from District

At the last District Council the DG announced that all clubs could apply for a grant from District Funds for any Covid-19 related project. Club Council asked for suggestions as to where we

could usefully use this grant and the only suggestion to fulfill the conditions was to help the Haydon Bridge Nursery Group.

Haydon Bridge Playgroup is a community based enterprise located in Haydon Bridge Community Centre, running twice-weekly sessions for children age 2-4.

Their maximum number of children in the setting is 12, and we have children from Haydon Bridge, Bardon Mill, Newbrough, Fourstones and Acomb at present.

Playgroup is a valued resource within our area and has been running since 1997. Since the closure of the fire Station in Haydon Bridge

in 2016 and the subsequent closure of the Health visitor Baby Cafe, drop-off and pick-up time at Playgroup is the only occasion (outside of the Primary school environment) where parents and grandparents can meet others with very young children. Even in the current climate with social distancing and masks, it is still so important for people to have contact with others!

The Playgroup relies heavily on donations to keep its costs affordable and has been badly affected by the pandemic. The £250 will be well spent helping the local community. Hexham Rotary has received a very nice thank you from the Playgroup.



Raising Money the Easy Way

Some time ago, Club Council agreed we could use Easyfundraising as a painless way to increase our charitable funds. Like a similar scheme for Amazon, everytime you buy an item from a source that recognises Easyfundraising a percentage of the purchase price goes to our Club funds.

There is, however, a significant difference, to use Amazon's giving you have to log in via our website, but using Easyfundraising is much simpler. Once you have registered, then every time you purchase online, then Easyfundraising reminds you that you can donate if the site you are using is recognised. There is NO hassle, NO hoops to jump through and it is absolutely secure and no-one will know what you have been buying or where. So far 5 people in the club are using the system and have added £62 to our Charity Account—[Why not join them here is the way](#)

How to raise funds by using website EASYFUNDRAISING:

1. Go into the EasyFundraising Website by click on this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hexhamrotary/>

Then click on the pink label 'Support this cause'



2. Now create an account by filling in your personal details and setting a password, either via the facebook button, or via email:

Fill in your first name, last name and email address :

Add a password . **Remember the password as you will need it later when using the site.**

Then click on 'I agree with the terms & conditions'

Finally click on 'Create my account'

Create an Account

My first name is:

My last name is:

Email address is:

I want to use this password:

Your password needs to be at least 8 characters, but the longer the better

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Click on Yes - I would like to gift aid my donations, assuming that you are a UK taxpayer

Then click Continue

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Is eligible for Gift Aid
If you are a UK taxpayer, you can help claim 25% extra on each donation via Gift Aid - at no extra cost.

Would you like to gift aid your donations?

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What is Gift Aid?
Gift Aid is operated by the Government and allows charities to reclaim the basic rate of tax (25%) on every pound donated. This means that if you're a UK tax payer, every £1 you raise with easyfundraising is actually worth £1.25 for your cause.
See HMRC's page about Gift Aid for more information.

Insert your 1st line of address and Post Code

Then click on continue

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Please enter your address
Address Line 1:
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I'm happy for my address change/communicate changes. Special Club (EAC) when applicable to reclaim Gift Aid on any future donation. I confirm that I've given the correct information about my status. Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money I make from 6 April 2016 onwards. I understand that I may be liable to pay追扣 Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of any tax reclaimed by the charity on my behalf. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that if my circumstances change it might not be possible to reclaim Gift Aid on my donations and I may need to repay some of the amounts received.

Should you wish any donations generated to be a bidding square for your cause can be given to you as direct cashback, see our Terms and Conditions for more information.

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Step 3 - Last step - Install a tool bar:

This toolbar will remind you every time you shop online with a retailer that has signed up with Easyfundraising. This will show up as a green logo on your toolbar on top (right or left depending on browser).

Click on the green button - Get the Donation Reminder:

And follow the instructions = add extensions. That might differ depending which browser you are using

You're almost there, well done!

Shop as normal and never miss a donation

A small reminder appears on the retailer's website > Click the reminder to receive any eligible donations > The reminder disappears and you're ready to start shopping

If you do not want, or cannot install the tool bar above, you can also just add the site into your favourites: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rotaryclubcanterburyforestofbleantrustfund> however, adding the toolbar makes it very easy to make a donation every time you visit a participating retailer.

Now you can start earning money for our charity. The Donation varies between retailers and is shown on their site. Some-time it is less than Amazon and sometimes more but with the tool bar installed you will never miss an opportunity.

If you have installed the above toolbar, you will be reminded when going into a site that supports Easyfundraising. You just need to click the green button 'Activate Donation' when you are in the retailer's site, before making the purchase. Alternatively, if this does not work, you can click on the newly created EasyFundraising Icon on top of the browser, and choose your retailer. This will then activate your purchase, **and the icon changes**.

If you have not installed the toolbar, you would need to log in first through the Easyfundraising site = above link, by entering your email address and password. Then either enter your retailer in the search box, or look it up below and click on the icon of the retailer you want to shop online BEFORE going into the retailer site.

Please note that there will be one or several days delay between your purchase and the raised amount showing up on the site. Just be patient! You will receive an email stating the amount you have raised.

It is absolutely secure and no-one will know what you have been buying or where.

Remember the Talk on the Bee Hunt

Well, the Natural History Society of Northumbria is running the same scheme again this Spring and they have also added another garden insect—Ladybirds. There are many varieties of ladybird and NHSOn is anxious to find out which are resident in the County.

Details of both these projects can be found on their website at:
<https://www.nhsn.org.uk/the-north-east-bee-hunt-a-naturalists-refuge-during-isolation/>

They also provide guides to identify both bees and ladybirds.

Club Programme 2021 – subject to review

Key Blue = Club/District Business Meetings, Yellow are Club Council Meetings Green = Club meetings with a speaker

March 29 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	Catherine Bush - Foundation
April 4 th	Easter	Sunday		
April 6 th	Tuesday	5.30	Club Council	
April 7 th	Wednesday	7.00	Quiz Night	Register at Admin@hexhamrotary.co.uk
April 12 th	Monday	6.30	AGM + Business	Business Meeting
April 18 th	Sunday	10 - 12	PEPS	For incoming Presidents
April 26 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	Mel Wall – The Boer War
May 3 rd	Monday	Bank	Holiday	
May 10 th	Monday	6.30	Club Meeting	Andrew Birley - Vindolanda
May 11 th	Tuesday		District Council	
May 13 th	Thursday		District Assembly	
May 17 th	Monday	5.30	Club Council	
May 24 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	Dr Russell Foster, King's College, London, Br & Eur Politics
May 31 st	Monday	Bank	Holiday	
June 14 th	Monday	6.30	Club Assembly	Agree next Rotary year's programme
June 28 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	Presidents' Handover, Kim McGuinness, Northumbria PCC
July 5 th	Monday	5.30	Club Council	+ Trustees Meeting
July 12 th	Monday	6.30	Club Meeting	Malcolm Thompson – St Paul's Children's Project in Zambia
July 26 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	BH's speaker
August 9 th	Monday	6.30	Club Meeting	
August 16 th	Monday	5.30	Club Council	
August 23 rd	Monday	12.30	Business	
August 30 th	Monday	Bank	Holiday	
September 6 th	Monday	6.30	Club Meeting	
September 13 th	Monday	5.30	Club Council	
September 20 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	
October 4 th	Monday	6.30	Club Meeting	
October 11 th	Monday	5.30	Club Council	
October 18 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	
November 1 st	Monday	6.30	SGM	Elect officers, approve accounts
November 15 th	Monday	12.30	Club Meeting	
November 22 nd	Monday	5.30	Club Council	+ Trustees Meeting
November 29 th	Monday	6.30	Club Meeting	
December 13 th	Monday	12.30	Xmas Lunch	

It is not too late to take part in our quiz evening on the 7th April at 7pm. This is a light hearted quiz for Rotarians and their friends. There are no prizes but the winner can choose the charity to benefit from the next quiz. There is no entrance fee but participants are encouraged to make a donation via bank transfer to "The Rotary Club of Hexham Charity Account" no 50765295 at Barclays Hexham 20-40-09 reference Quiz. All quiz donations will go to the West Northumberland Food Bank. The quiz questions are of a general nature and not specific to Rotary. To take part please you need to register at admin@hexhamrotary.co.uk. All entries will be acknowledged.