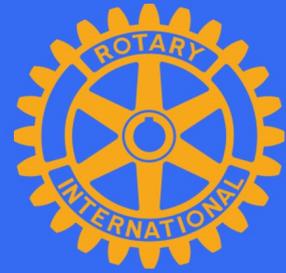




The ARCH

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham



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ROTARY WEBSITES

There is a wealth of information about Rotary on various websites for both Rotarians and anyone seeking information about Rotary.

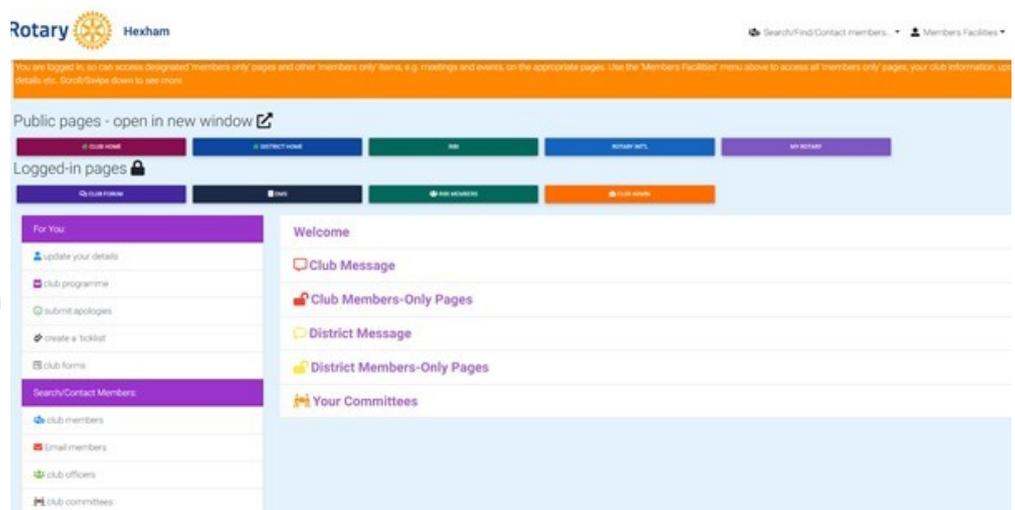
For those outside Rotary the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org gives an overall world wide view of Rotary with the UK site, www.rotarygbi.org, the Rotary in the North East site, <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/homepage.php?DistrictNo=1030> and our local site www.hexhamrotary.co.uk cover the national and local organisations.

All the above are accessible by anyone and contain detailed information on Rotary and how to join together with many links to other organisations.

For a Rotarian however, they offer even more. As a Club Member, details about you and your membership are held securely and you can access and edit your details at any time once you are logged in. Fortunately, a single user name and password admits you to all the sites and the opportunities they offer you as a member. For instance there are many special interest groups in Rotary covering topics such as Sailing, stamp collecting, photography and many more where, on line, you can meet like minded Rotarians. In addition there are Advisory Groups which provide information on many Rotary activities such as Water, Health Care, The Environment and many other topics. If you are interested in starting a project these can be a starting point. To be able to log on you have to have registered yourself.

If you are a Rotarian and have not already registered, it is easy to do and the instructions are simple. To register, go to the RI site and click on the "Register" button. You should then see a page asking for your 1st name, last name and email address. Fill in these details and click "Continue" the site will then send you an email with instructions on how to register. Your user name is your email address and this together with the password you select will then give you access to the members areas of all the above sites.

Once you have registered you can explore the members area of all the sites. The Rotary in the North East contains much information in the members area including the ability to email any Rotarian in our club or district, your personal details which you can amend as necessary and the ability to book places at events or to send your apologies. These facilities are found under "emails" "or forms" in the Club members area. We will be starting to use these facilities during the next few months so you can start exploring them now. In addition keep following our own information at www.hexhamrotary.co.uk.



Bright Ideas Needed



This year—2022—is a year full of memorable events and locally we have the nineteenthundredth anniversary of Hadrian's Wall coupled with the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, the Queen. This gives the Club a great opportunity to do something spectacular and possibly raise a significant sum for one of our charities. All we need is a bright idea!!

A number of ideas are out there already and there is plenty of information available on line at <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk> for the Queen's Jubilee or <https://1900.hadrianswallcountry.co.uk> for Hadrian's Wall.

Looking at the relevant information, there are already numerous events being held. By now the Em-



peror Hadrian will already have been seen in a Roman Bath House while on June 2nd there will be a series of beacons lit across the country to mark the Queen's Jubilee. There is also a move to knit a banner to run from one end of the Wall to the other—a cooperative effort I am assured!

So what could Hexham Rotary do? Have you any bright ideas, if so let us know.

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? Have you taken any interesting pictures or helped your neighbours recently?

There must be scores of interesting tidbits 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 April 1st 2022, so send any contributions in by the 20th March to dumbrelljl@btinternet.com and lets make the February issue a bumper one
John Dumbrell, Editor

RI President-Elect announces 2022-23 Presidential Theme

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, Imagine Rotary, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

“Imagine, a world that deserves our best,” Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, “where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.”



Jones, who will make history on 1 July by becoming Rotary’s first female president, gave a live online address to precede Rotary’s annual training event for district governors from around the world, the International Assembly. The assembly was rescheduled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and will now be held virtually 7-14 February.

Jones told the incoming governors about a chance she took when a member asked for assistance in getting a young peace activist out of Afghanistan during the U.S. troop withdrawal last year. At first unsure how she could help, she relied on “that certain Rotary magic” and contacted a former Rotary Peace Fellow she had met a few years earlier. Less than 24 hours later, the activist was on an evacuation list, and soon she was on her way to Europe.

Engaging members through meaningful responsibility

To better engage members, Rotary needs to “adapt and retool,” Jones said, using her hometown as an example. Windsor was once the automotive hub of Canada. But after plant closings left thousands without work, the city needed to retool, in the same way an auto plant would, preparing for new parts or a new model. Now, Jones said, Windsor is a leader in agribusiness and medical and aerospace technology.

For Rotary, “finding the right ‘part’ to engage each member should be our core function,” Jones said. “It comes down to the comfort and care of our members.”

Engaging members is crucial to retaining members, she said, adding that we need to ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.

“It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion,” Jones said.

Book Review

The Sixteen Trees of the Somme by Lars Mytting

What an amazing find; this has to be my book of the year.

Mytting's flair for story telling shines as brightly as the orange flamed walnut trees which weave and meander through the book like an ethereal ghost. He moves seamlessly from Norway to Shetland, the battlefields of France and back again, leaving the reader gripped and unable to put the book down.

It tells the story of Edvard who grows up in a remote mountain farm in Norway with his taciturn grandfather. The death of his parents when he was three years old has always been shrouded in mystery, and it is only on the death of his grandfather, that he begins to unlock the secrets of what really happened to him when he went missing for three days in 1971. The discovery of a very unusual inheritance only adds to the drama and the mystery is so cleverly plotted that it fits together like a piece of very fine marquetry.

Shelagh Carter

We Try a New Venue

For our first evening meeting of the New Year we dined at the Masonic Hall in Westfield Terrace. This venue has the advantage of being reasonably central in Hexham and has a large car park.



We assembled at just after 6.30 pm and sat down to dinner at 7. After a main course of Chicken and seasonable vegetables, with a Cauliflower Steak as a vegetarian option, we finished with a fruit crumble dessert. We should also have had a cup of coffee but half way through the dessert being served, the lights went out. It was quickly established that only the hall was affected but despite much endeavour the lights stayed off.

Graeme Atkins, the Executive Head Teacher of QEHS and the Middle School was due to give a presentation and despite being without his slides, stepped into the breach and gave an interesting talk about the history of the schools and the way the new buildings were working successfully. Just as he finished power was restored and he was able to show his pictures of the new school. He then answered a multitude of questions and his talk was greatly appreciated.

The 36 of us present, thanked him with a round of applause.

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What is Volunteer Expo Live?

After a time in our lives like no other, it's time for us to continue rebuilding together. Volunteer Expo Live will foster the togetherness and community spirit we've seen during 2020 and 2021, and make that a lasting legacy of the pandemic. **For 2022, we're back and we're live!** After a virtual event in 2021, we're so excited to be back live and in-person at the NEC, Birmingham on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th May! The event will continue to help you find volunteering opportunities to suit you, connect with charities and not-for-profit organisations, and celebrating aspects of our communities that unite us!

For people who are keen to volunteer, or already do so, there will be the opportunity to network with peers, develop your personal skills and turn your passion for change into action.

Hosted by Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland

Volunteer Expo Live is brought to you by [Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland](https://www.rotary.org.uk). As one of the world's leading membership and humanitarian service organisations, Rotary has been at the heart of communities around the world for over 100 years.

Rotary members worldwide give over 110 million volunteer hours each year, whether it is promoting peace, providing clean water, supporting education or fighting disease

Find out more at <https://www.volunteerexpo.co.uk/about/>

Hexham Rotary Plant More Trees

The weather stayed fine for this autumn's Rotary tree planting day at Highford Park in Hexham. Over 130 trees were planted to help develop a new woodland. Many of the trees were oaks grown from acorns by Andrew and Elaine Rigg with others provided by the Woodland Trust. A second day had been planned for the next week with the National Trust near Haltwhistle, but the damage caused by storm Arwen has resulted in a postponement until next January.



Pictured are members of Hexham Rotary with Huw Davies from Hexham Space for Nature who helps with the area's management. The tree planting will help offset the many ash trees dying in Hexham from ash dieback (Chalara) and also help absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere

Two Rotarians who had been the very first to volunteer this year were sadly missed. Terry Robson and Max Hamps both sadly died recently and so we dedicated the day to them. The intention is to make these tree planting days annual events, so please come and join in next year.

Contact Andrew Rigg 01434 603086 for further information.

Andrew Rigg

More on Hadrian's Wall

Everyone is doing something for the 19 centenary year and English Heritage is no exception. They have much information at

https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/spotlight-on/spotlight-on-hadrians-wall/?utm_source=The%20English%20Heritage%20Trust&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12933652_Members%27%20Newsletter%2020%20Jan&utm_content=Hadrian%27s%20wall

If you can fit the URL above into your browser

It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas



Our thanks to everyone involved in our Christmas Collections this year. Organised by John Dunn, we collected not only in Fore Street but also outside Waitrose and Tesco. Our thanks are also due to the musical support we had from many local organisations and schools including the Orpheus Choir, Rock, St Mary's Choir, Antiphon and Hexham Village Band to name but a few.

Our aim was to help local charities and during January we were able to present cheques for £600 each to Tynedale Hos-



Hexham Village Ceilidh Band

pice, The West Northumberland Food Bank and the Charlotte Straker Foundation.

The weather was kind to our stalwart collectors this year although the Fore Street Collections had some frosty weather to contend with. Our pictures show some of our collectors and musicians and the happy recipients of the donations.



Our thanks to all who took part, especially the people of Hexham who donated so generously.

Club Programme 2022 to 1 July

Key **Blue** = Club/District Business Meetings,

Yellow are Club Council Meetings

Evening meetings

Special Events

Date	Day	Time	Occasion	Speaker	Subject	Host	Projector	
Feb 7 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.	Claire Knowles	Hexham Park Run	Yeomans		
Feb 14 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.	Victoria Lancaster	Forestry England rewilding Europe	B Middleton		
Feb 15 th	Tuesday	5.30	Club Council					
Feb 21 st	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.					Business Meeting
Feb 28 th	Monday	Evening	Club Meeting.	Rob Hart	Marvellous Me			
Mar 7 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.	Brian Bell	Allen Valley Broadband	Pryor	Yes	
Mar 14 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.	Christopher Porter	Career talk			
Mar 15 th	Tuesday	5.30	Club Council					
Mar 19 th	Saturday	7 for 7.30	President's Night					
Mar 21 st	Monday				No meeting as Presidents Night was on the Sat.			
Mar 28 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.	Cathy Bates	Tyndale Hospice	Herdan		Lunch not evening as Pres. Night was an evening meeting.
Apr 4 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.					AGM and Business Meeting
Apr 9 th	Saturday	evening	Progressive Supper			Massey		
Apr 11 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.	Rob Driver	Vattenfall -	Wrighton		
Apr 12 th	Tuesday	5.30	Club Council					
Apr 18 th	Monday							Easter Monday – No Meeting
Apr 25 th	Monday	Evening	Club Meeting	Andrew Hallington	More Tynedale railways	G Robinson		
May 2 nd	Monday							May Bank Holiday – no meeting
May 9 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.			Rossiter		
May 16 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.		Vattenfall?	Stephen Middleton		
May 17 th	Tuesday	5.30	Club Council					
May 23 rd	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.			Wood		
May 30 th	Monday	Evening	Club Meeting.			Underwood		
Jun 6 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.					Club Assembly
Jun 13 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.			Dallison		
Jun 20 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.			J Herdan		
Jun 27 th	Monday	Evening	Club Meeting.	Rev Henry Hope	Miniatures of Minnesang	B Middleton	Yes	
Jul 4 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.					Presidents' Handover
Jul 5 th	Tuesday	5.30	Club Council					
Jul 11 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting.	Roger Abraham	NE Pioneering of Electricity Supply			
Jul 18 th	Monday	12.45	Club Meeting	Charles Enderby	Bird Ringing	Carter		