



The ARCH

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham



A NEW BEGINNING

Welcome to the new Rotary year. As your incoming President I would like to thank you, the members for making the choice to be a Rotarian and for the support and kindness you have shown to me. The year ahead promises again to be busy, but with lots of fun along the way. Rotary is a way of being which changes lives, including our own.

This year, we plan to give a greater focus to working with and supporting youth and young people. We have a particular interest in their leadership development and career choices; watch this space for



news of new initiatives, projects and partnerships. In addition, our commitment to the local community remains high on the agenda. We hope to further develop our relationships and partnerships with local businesses and other groups and to work with them so that we may be helpful to their success in the interest of the community. **Together we are stronger and can do more.**

Our Club's work and support of International Projects is set to continue with water and sanitation, maternal and child health and education being prioritised. Our support of the Rotary **End Polio Now and Forever** campaign will of course continue, as will our support of those affected by world events and natural disasters which threaten life in any part of the world. Our relationship with the ShelterBox charity remains high in our priorities and will continue to develop. **Together with the Rotary family worldwide, we can make a difference.**

The Rotary Club of Hexham is a successful and vibrant club with a growing membership which I'm pleased to say includes male and female members.

The clubs ambitions and involvements will require new members who feel that they can contribute. Rotary is forever changing but is built on enduring principals which enable Rotarians around the world to connect for the good of the whole world. In addition to our weekly meetings which include two evening meetings each month, we have regular events and social occasions. If you are interested to learn more, please come along and meet us, you will find contact details in this magazine.

Perhaps Rotary is for you, we are people of action, who do good in the world.

*Roy Dallison
President.*

An Excellent Weekend

On Friday 18th May, a small party of Rotarians and their wives journeyed into Scotland—in past times we might have been armed to the teeth and looking for spoils—but we were a small peaceful group of 20 heading for the Buccleuch Arms at St Boswell.



At Friday lunchtime, some of us met up at Abbotsford, the famous home of Sir Walter Scott and after a light lunch had a guided tour of the house. He was an amazing collector and the house is full of interesting objects and is preserved as he left it. His writing study and collection of books, from many of which he drew his source materials, was explained to us by a very knowledgeable guide. Sir Walter Scott was perhaps the foremost writer and poet of his age and his income—in today's money—would

have been well over £1m per annum. Sadly his expenditure on his collections was greater.

After the tour, we went our separate ways. Some visited Melrose and others made their way back to the hotel where we took over the dining room for dinner.

Next day most of us assembled outside the hotel for a walk led by John Robinson. We spent a delightful morning walking downstream beside the Tweed and back via the country lanes before exploring St Boswell for lunch and souvenirs. Most of the walk fol-



lowed St Cuthbert's Way.

The afternoon was down to our individual choices. Jean and I visited Scott's View, Dryburgh Abbey and Small Holm Tower, both well kept by Scottish Heritage and with interesting stories to tell. Others visited nearby historic houses and recounted their adventures at dinner in the evening.

Sunday Morning featured another walk up the Eildon Hills before we found our own ways home. Everyone enjoyed the weekend which had been expertly organised by John and Kate Robinson. They had picked an excellent hotel in a location not too far from home with plenty

of local attractions. A really enjoyable weekend and plans are already afoot for next year.



A Thankyou from the President

On Sunday June 10th our President, Peter Oliver, held a party at the Albert Edward Club in Hexham to thank club members for their support during the year. A very pleasant afternoon attended by most of the club and their wives. Thank you Peter.

Rotary Fellowships combine passion, friendship, and service



Rotary offers many opportunities to connect with others in your club and district who share similar passions. You also have many opportunities to connect with members globally.

Rotary Fellowships provide a great way to make new friends around the world and enhance your Rotary experience. The fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni who share a common passion. These groups range in interest from tennis to wine, marathon running to cooking, scuba diving to recreational vehicles, jazz to computers, and more.

Currently, Rotary International officially recognizes 78 Rotary Fellowships. The groups reported a combined membership of 82,218 people in more than 150 countries in 2016-17. For a list of all fellowships and join one today! go to

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

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Community Service Team 2018-19

Last year the team activities were the Christmas Chronicle which raised £1085.90, the Poppy Collection for British Legion which raised £1229, our help with Round Table at the Fire Works for which we received a donation of £500 and the Fore Street Christmas Collection which raised £1475.30

We hope to continue these projects for the forthcoming year and are considering beneficiaries for the Fore Street collection. All our activities take place in a short space of time before Christmas and rely heavily on the full support of all club members. We are also considering a possible further project in the New Year.

International Team 2018-19.

This year, we intend to build on our successes and pay for ShelterBoxes to be sent to the disaster areas. We know ShelterBox put the money to good use and we can track the boxes to see which disaster they help. We are also going to look at other ways to help people in deprived areas and will look at the possibility of providing sources of clean water and ways to improve literacy. One way is to build on our successful project in Nepal which brought water to a village devastated by the earthquake.

We could do this by combining with other clubs to put forward a project for a Global Grant. If the project budget is £25,000, we need to supply only £7,500 with the rest coming from the Rotary Foundation.





Hexham Rotary Helps with the Tall Ships in Sunderland

6 members of the club helped man the Rotary Information Tent on the dockside in Sunderland near the Tall Ships. Led by President Roy Dallison, Rotarians Michael Crick, Brian Sanderson, Paul Wharrier, Jim Yeomans and John Dumbrell manned the stand on Wednesday 11th July from 6 to 10 pm. An interesting time as it clashed with the semi final match against Croatia.

For most of the time we had a crowd of 30 to 40 people gathered round the stand looking at the items on display and watching the large TV screen which had been showing what Rotary did all over the world but had switched to following the football !!

The stand had a large number of Rotary exhibits on display showcasing what we have achieved round the world helping people after disasters. There was a ShelterBox which provides essentials for homeless, a waterpurification kit which can provide clean water for small communities together with a Literacy Box which helps with learning to read and write. We were welcomed on the stand by the Rotary District Governor, Stewart Atkin shown here with President Roy.



On the Look Out for New Members.

A really exciting programme has been arranged for the coming year with special talks, outings and events spread over the Rotary year. There will be plenty to appeal to all members and also hopefully likewise to prospective Rotarians.



I am sure that this programme will enable Club members to confidently encourage friends and acquaintances to consider becoming Rotarians and to join our very active Club. The Membership Team asks all Club members to suggest names of potential Rotarians whom the Team might approach. Those who then express a positive interest will be invited as guests of the Club to our evening meeting at the end of October when Lord Stevens will be talking about

'Corruption in Sport'. For those unable to attend that particular meeting, there will be another opportunity later. In the meantime, please do let me know of anyone whom you might like me to approach informally about becoming a Rotarian.

If you are reading this and are not already a member, please get in touch as we welcome any suitable candidate who wishes to put something back into the community

Brian Massey, Membership Committee. mbmassey@waitrose.com 01434 673413

Rotary Youth Competitions

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS CROWNED ROTARY YOUTH SPEAKS CHAMPIONS

Have you heard of Rotary Youth Speaks—A Rotary Competition throughout the UK where schools enter a team to speak on their chosen subject. This year Scottish schools dominated the national finals by scooping both senior and intermediate categories of the competition..— **is this a competition we could run or perhaps one of the ones below?** Could the caption read “HEXHAM....

Beaming with creativity, 2018’s Rotary Young Writers have been announced.

Jack Glover, Rebecca Sharkey and Sienna Lakin took the theme of A Different Perspective in their stride and produced fantastic pieces of writing, rightfully claiming first place in their categories. Each entrant explored the theme in their own style, demonstrating the originality needed to go all the way in the competition. This year’s winners engage all readers, with text varying from fiction, to nonfiction and poetry.

2018 Rotary Young Photography Competition.

Anna Harry, Amelie Bolam and Lily Brook astounded the judges with their photographs, each securing first place in their categories. The competition brought together talented individuals across the UK once again for the annual phenomenon. Entrants were challenged to show off their talent by interpreting this year’s theme of “A Different Perspective” and create a three-piece portfolio.



There are many other youth competitions such as:

Rotary Young Musician. Music is an international language and we encourage talented young people by providing this opportunity to demonstrate their musical skills.

Rotary Technology Tournament. Teams of students interested in engineering and science compete in a one day event to devise and build a solution to an unseen technical task. Solutions are tested and judged against competing teams.

Rotary Young Chef. Cooking amongst young people is a valuable life skill. Sponsored by Filippo Berio, contestants prepare and present a three course meal within a pre-set budget and time limit, which is judged by an expert panel.

Rotary Young Citizen Awards. These showcase the citizenship and responsibilities demonstrated by people under the age of 25. Winners receive a cash prize of £500 at our annual conference where the awards are presented.

We also have the **Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award** sponsored by the British wheelchair sport charity WheelPower, with whom Rotary has partnered to help transform the lives of disabled people through sport.

Details of all these are available on the RIGBI website at <https://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/youth-competitions/>

Who Does What

A Quick recap of the Teams for 2018/19

Club Council:

The ten members of Club Council are;

President—Roy Dallison; President Elect—Andrew Rigg; President Nominee—Neill Wylie; Imm. Past President—Peter Oliver; Treasurer—Andy Prior; Secretary—Brian Sanderson; Members -Adel Khudarieh; Brian Massey; Sandy Rutherford; Jim Yeomans.



Events Team:

Roy Dallison, Andrew Rigg, George Robinson & Shelagh Carter.

Community Service:

Jim Yeomans, Nick Rossiter, Janet Herdan, Bob Hull, Michael Crick, Peter Jewitt, Miles Middleton, George Proud, Peter Trevelyan and Peter Wood.

Youth:

Neill Wylie, Max Hamps, Richard Nelson, Brian Bell, Jane Chalmers, Paul Wharrier, Chris Metcalfe & George Robinson.



International:

Adel Khudarieh, John Robinson, Bernard Herdan, Steve Middleton, Ralph Wrighton, Hedley Novis, Norman Wicks, Mike Saxon & Eric Blackburn.

Foundation:

Sandy Rutherford, John Dumbrell, Peter Oliver, Roger Abraham, Tom Jobson, and Rita Marrison.



Membership:

Brian Massey & Helen Underwood.

Team Leader is the first name in each section.



The Teams write:

Youth Team 2018-19 – Supporting the development of young people in our local community.

*Our team is dedicated to seeking out the best opportunities that will support young people in our community to develop those essential life skills that are so important for them to realise their potential. We already have a number of successful programmes running and over the coming year we will build on these and also seek to develop new ideas and exciting new programmes. We want our **competitions to add value** and so this year they will involve guidance and mentoring.*

***Foundation Team 2018-19.** Foundation is Rotary's own charity and is supported solely by contributions from Rotarians and friends. Money generated by our club is used to trigger larger amounts towards one of the six key areas of development both locally and worldwide. Globally, 91% of Foundation expenses directly support mission critical programs and grants. Our new Foundation team met earlier in July to set out our aims for the forthcoming Rotary year and we will be liaising with District and seeking potential worthwhile causes seeking grant support. This forms a key objective of our Team in assisting the club with its strategic goals in the coming year. The eradication of Polio worldwide remains a major objective and we will continue to support this. We agreed that we should seek closer working with the International team during the year and keep in touch with Foundation teams from other clubs.*

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Visits and Events for Rotary Year 2018/19

Monday July 23rd. Today we were visited by the District Governor—Stewart Atkin- who praised the club for the work we had done last year and encouraged us to keep up the drive for new members by using websites and social media to our advantage. Above all we should make use of the freedom to organize the club to the advantage of the members. He also encouraged us to work with other clubs and the District for the benefit of all and to make the club attractive to prospective members.

August 12th (Sunday at 2pm). A BBQ to be held at Andy Riggs house. The meats, fish and a range of salads will be provided and a discretionary donation of £5 per person (or more perhaps?) is requested which will go to the Clubs Foundation account..

September 24th (Monday evening). We plan an early evening tour around the Heritage Centre at Bellingham followed by dinner in the restored dining car. Subject to numbers we will arrange for a bus from Hexham.

September 25th (Tuesday At 10.30 am). A visit to the BBC Centre in Newcastle. This is a tour of the studios and facilities and will last for 1.5 to 2 hours. There is a modest charge of £9.25 per head which is due to be paid before August 24th. We will stop for lunch on the way back.

October 9th (Tuesday Morning) John Robinson leads a walk, probably to start at 10.00. The route of the walk will be made available well ahead and will probably be around 7 miles with lunch at a convenient Pub.

November 22nd (Thursday Afternoon). A guided tour of Trinity House in Newcastle at 4pm. The tour will last for 1.5 hours with plenty of time at the end for questions. There is a charge of £5 per head. We plan to arrange a meal at a nearby Italian restaurant afterwards.

December 17th (Monday evening) The Clubs Christmas Dinner.

January 2019. Currently there is no event arranged but we hope to offer something soon.

February 20th (Wednesday evening) A visit to the new observatory at Battlesteads. The session which includes a preliminary talk will last for around two hours. In the event of a very cloudy night, alternative arrangements are in place that will provide a good experience. Afterwards we will have dinner in Battlesteads

March Saturday 16th will be Presidents Night.

April 25th (Thursday Evening). An evening walk to be led by John.

May 17th to 19th. **Our Weekend Away** in Dumfries and Galloway. Details have been circulated and there are 12 couples already booked in. There is still space for others and if you wish to have further information or indeed to join us, please contact Roger. Abraham.

June 16th (Sunday 2pm). President's at Home will be held at Holly Close.

WORLD POLIO DAY 24th OCTOBER



Create a buzz for your World Polio Day event..

Promote your event

Will your club host a wine tasting event, organize a bike race for polio eradication, or sponsor a fundraising concert? Last year, more than 3,671 groups in 102 countries listed their World Polio Events, not only putting their activities on the map but also inspiring other clubs looking for ways to get involved. Share your plans by visiting the Promote Your Event page to be sure your project is counted!

<https://www.endpolio.org/promote-your-event>

Anything Else People would like to Contribute

Contributions should be emailed to the editor— dumbrelljl@btinternet.com. Please send any pictures separately as jpeg files although any picture format is acceptable. However it is better to limit the picture size to about 10 x 8 cms at 300dpi.

We hope to publish the Newsletter every other month starting in August. It will be sent out by email at the beginning of the month and contributions should reach the editor by the 25th of the previous month. Emailed items are preferred but written articles and photos can be accepted. The original photos will be returned. Letters to the editor are also welcomed

Visit Hamburg in 2019 1st to 5th June

In 2019 the **Rotary International Convention** will be heading to Hamburg, Germany, for what is currently scheduled to be the last Europe-based Convention until at least 2023.

The Convention is a wonderful opportunity to meet Rotary members from around the globe and to get an up to the minute view of world wide Rotary. A visit is definitely recommended..

Most importantly, if you are looking to attend Hamburg 2019, there is plenty of information available on the Convention website. Hamburg is a most interesting city with many connections to the UK and well worth a visit in its own right but for Convention information visit:

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg>