

ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

NEWSLETTER

June 2019



The WOW Project

What does WOW mean???

Wonders of Water

This month some members of the our club will be travelling to Ghana to help implement the WOW project, one of our international endeavours.

The main objectives of the project include:

- A continuous source of drinking water to the community of Fievie in the South Tongu district of Volta Region Ghana will be provided by supplementing the inconsistent mains pipe service with polytanks in the town to enable continuous service as well supplying water to outlying villages.
- The community will managing the piped water through WATSAN (Water and Sanitation) committees and be trained tin operating and maintaining the system.
- Important education on sanitation and hygiene, particularity for school children, will be provided to improve hygiene and health levels.

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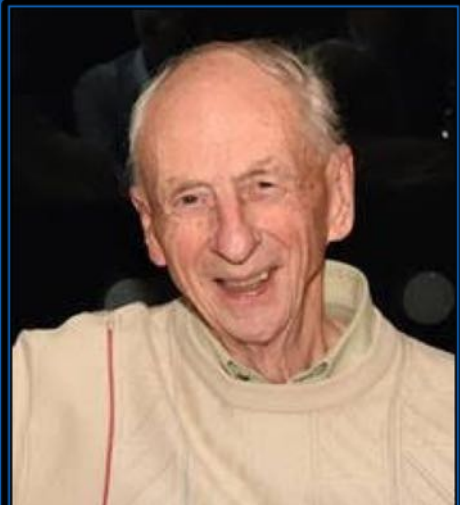
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Keith Malyon 1930 – 2019



There have been fewer more dedicated Rotarians of our Club than Keith Malyon.

Keith came from the North East where he joined Rotary in 1968 in the South Bank and Easton Club (this Club no longer exists). At the time he was working for the National Blood Transfusion Service – where he met his wife Ann – and it was a promotion which brought him to Manchester in 1972, and then our Club.

He soon became involved in Club life and when I joined in 1974 he was our speaker finder. He soon “fingered” me to do a “my job talk”.

He became our President in 1979/80 and then went on to District work, culminating in being District Governor in 1986/87. He was the last Governor of the old District 105 which had about 80 clubs in it. It was, as a result, a very busy year. Keith then spent a lot of time on District affairs and for a time was District Secretary.

This District work did not mean he abandoned our Club. He and Ann hosted Group Study Exchange scholars and kept in touch with some of them for several years. He was a regular participant in Club events and an ardent supporter of the rambling section and the Fellowship Weekends.

He was a good walker and was often seen striding out at the front. On more than one occasion he, and one or two others, were left to carry straight on for several hundred yards when they should have taken another path. We never managed, however, to lose them entirely.

Keith was always ready and willing to pass on his local knowledge to his fellow walkers. This sometimes led to lively discussions and we all have our memories of these.

Outside of the Club Keith was a JP for 33 years and he was a keen volunteer at Lyme Park.

Almost to the end Keith was a regular attender and always an enthusiastic supporter of our Club.

Our sympathies go to Ann and his family.

-Ernest Metcalfe-

May Fellowship Evening – Gourmet Dining at Aspire Restaurant



Aspire Restaurant Bar in Altrincham presented a fantastic gourmet meal for our May 2nd fellowship evening. Aspire Restaurant provides learners at Trafford College's hospitality and catering courses the opportunity to showcase their talents in a real life restaurant setting.



The Menu

Starters

Ardennes Pate
Open Lasagne of Roast Butternut Squash
Lightly Smoked Pan Fried Pigeon Breast
Chilled Cucumber Gazpacho

Mains

Assiette of fish "en papillote"
Soy glazed Chicken Breast
Duo of Lamb
Beetroot Wellington

Selection of Desserts





In attendance were 21 members and friends:

Alia Arif, Julie and Roy Chapman, Susan Craig and John Kennedy, Robin Graham, Indra Gupta, Lilian Liu, Dale McAulay and Ian Kane, Rosemary and Sinclair McLeod, Marian and Ernie Metcalfe, Jitu Ruia, Christine and Roger Walker, Sarah Withington, Sheila and Alan Small, and Gillian Webb.



We were joined by members of the Rotary Breakfast Club of Manchester



Thanks to Roger Walker for organizing this event.

Please make time to join the next Fellowship Evening on Thursday June 6th. The Boathouse, Sale Water Park, M33 2LX 19:00



Club AGM May 9 2019



The **AGM** (Annual General Meeting) of the Rotary Club of Manchester was the focus of the May 9th assembly.

The meeting was chaired by our **President**, Siddka Ahmed.

Reports by the **Club Secretary and Acting Treasurer**, Rtn Peter Hartley PHF, were followed by Reports by the Committee Chairman.

Fellowship – Rtn Barbara Rosenthal PHF

Community and Vocational – Rtn Julie Chapman

International, Membership, and Youth (MCA) – Rtn Robin Graham PHF

Foundation – Bill Laidlaw PHF

Youth and Rotaract – Rtn Roy Chapman PHF

Details of these reports may be obtained from Peter Hartley.

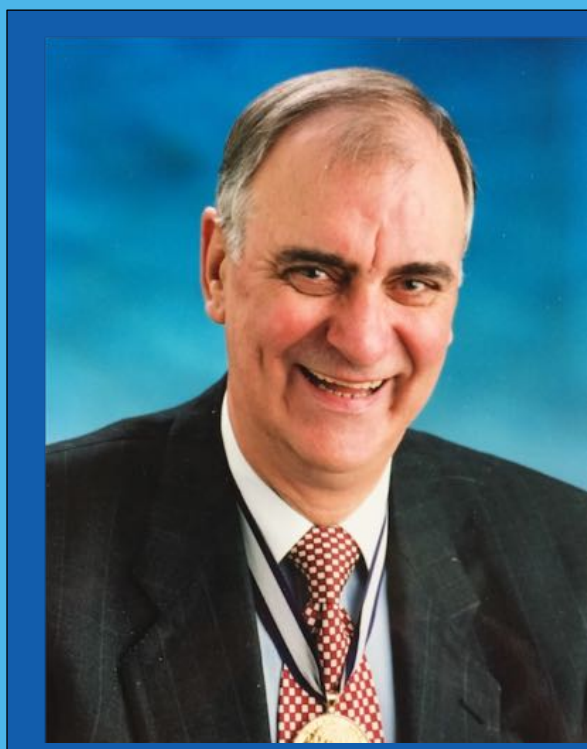
In this newsletter, a different member of our club will be featured each issue so that we can get to know each other a little better and see shared interests and skill sets that will help develop the future of our club.

Our Feature Member

An Interview with Bill Laidlaw

Bill Laidlaw has been a member of our club since 1977 and for most of that time served as International Chair. Currently he represents Foundation at Club Council. In this interview, he shares some of his personal pursuits, as well as ideas and causes that he finds of interest.

TELL ME A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF:



Bill wearing the badge of the President of the Society of Dyers and Colourists

Born in Greenock on Clydeside just before WW2, first memories are of a war ravaged environment – and that first banana at 7 years of age! Shipping was all around which encouraged an early desire to travel (or escape?). Was blessed by opportunity to study Chemistry at University which opened a door to the magical “abroad” and with the many thousands of my fellow countrymen I found the golden road south and landed in Manchester in 1960.

My wife-to-be, Jannine, soon followed and we set out jointly to conquer the world. We are still based here but my then employer, the very famous Calico Printers Association, is long since gone. In bygone days in Rotary when we wore badges categorising our professions mine proudly carried the words “Calico Printer” –even a Mancunian couldn’t carry a better title!

WHAT LED YOU TO JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB:

Our first overseas appointment was in Uganda where I became a member of Round Table. Jinja Round Table, where I became President was exposed almost daily to pressures for help and amongst our work we built a polio clinic (can you imagine 40 years before Rotary got involved!) and lent practical support to the local Catholic run Leper Colony (my company supplied the fabric for them to manufacture clothes and I and others toured the UK when on leave collecting used sewing machines from Round Table and Rotary Clubs). Eventually when after 15 years abroad we settled back to a base in Manchester Harry Wallwork introduced me to the 120 strong members of Manchester Rotary.



1967 at HYDE ROUND TABLE on leave from Uganda and collecting funds/sewing machines for Leper Colony



Bill in 2012

WHAT KIND OF THINGS DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU ARE NOT WORKING?

Work has satisfied my craving to travel and see the world (I have worked in 80 different countries)- but the downside has been the long separations from wife and family. Now that I am no longer working it is pay-back time and so most pleasure is now in catching up with lost time! Since retiring I never spend time away from home unless with family.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

Mainly travel books but also assorted history books because I was deprived of history lessons at school (in Scottish schools way-back-then you had to drop History in favour of Latin or Greek if you were to aspire to a University education!).

WHAT INSPIRES YOU OR MOTIVATES YOU IN LIFE?

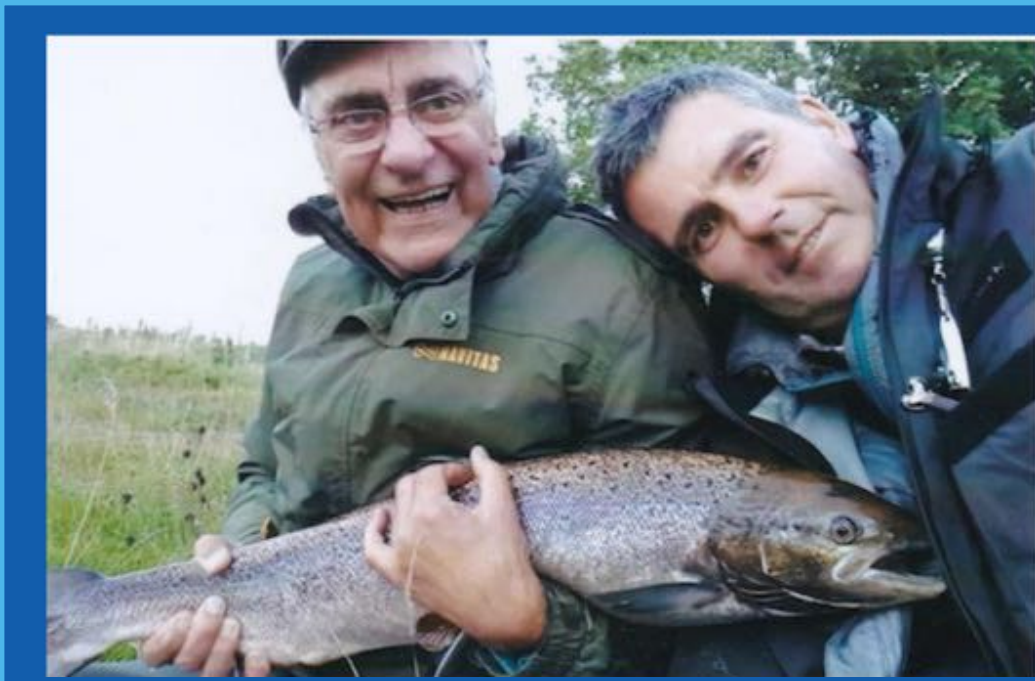
Examples set by generations of fellow countrymen who went off penniless , relying on a world class education system, to conquer the world.

WHAT ARE SOME CAUSES YOU CARE ABOUT?

Preservation of “old fashioned” family values. The rush to modernise and adapt lifestyles to comply with ever changing technologies appears to be to the detriment of family and could well have disastrous consequences in the future.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO BEFORE YOU DIE?

See our Grandchildren’s children graduate (some hope as they not married yet! – but who knows?!).



Bill fishing with his son Gavin.

This ‘selfie’ is taken by the fish, a salmon caught on the Tyne autumn in 2018, who then went back into the river.

WHO IS SOMEONE YOU ADMIRE AND WHY?

Mahatma Gandhi. What an example of how one person through non-violent, peaceful, opposition can change history and the direction of lives of millions. I recommend anybody with the opportunity to visit his ashram in Ahmedabad in India.

WHO ARE YOUR GREATEST INFLUENCES OR ROLE MODELS?

Perhaps before they were exposed to external commercial pressures, the gentle people of Bali in Indonesia . Their language has no word for “no” and the consequence is that all questions or arguments have to be answered in the affirmative. How positive is that! How much do you have to reflect on your conversation to find a gentle way of taking an opposite viewpoint!

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT YOU THAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT?

Member of the “Geriatric Division” of the Tartan Army!

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

If you make a positive effort during your working career to achieve your personal and business aims without creating enemies, you will have a blissful carefree retirement!



Tartan Army

Up and Coming Birthdays

June

1st Richard Dyson
6th Eddie Hanson
10th Sinclair McLeod

July

13th Ernie Metcalfe

August

11th Julie Chapman
12th Jitu Ruia
19th George Osundiya
21st Bill Laidlaw
28th Philip Adeniran

September

2nd Roy Chapman
3rd Derek Evans
9th Hugh Barrett
29th Roy Chisnall

Manchester Inner Wheel – Oldest Inner Wheel Club in the World

The Inner Wheel Club of Manchester's Past President, Joan Johnstone, gave an inspiring and interesting talk at the Thursday May 17 meeting.

This is the **oldest** inner wheel club in the **world**, being founded on January 10th **1924**. Below is an edited version of her talk, that includes past and present information about the club.



Sarah Withinington, President Elect, with Joan Johnstone, PP of the Inner Wheel of Manchester

The Inner Wheel Founder Club of Manchester

- Joan Johnstone –

On Thursday 14th December 1911 an inaugural dinner was held at the Albion Hotel in Piccadilly which marked the commencement of the good works in Manchester of Rotarians and their wives dedicated to service to the community.

Manchester, London, Belfast and Dublin were the first four clubs to be opened in Great Britain and Ireland.

The Rotary wives were only taken out on social occasions in support of whatever it was they were doing — raising money for good causes, giving days out to the underprivileged, having parties for the disabled — which were always in The Town Hall with the wives making all the refreshments. The wives knitted jumpers and warm socks for prisoners.

Support activities were undertaken including parcels of books for the forces, War Savings groups, a rota of members staffing the YMCA hostel, a 'Get you Home' service for members of the Forces coming on leave, they visited wounded soldiers in our Manchester Hospitals — wrote letters for them and posted them to their wives and families — taught young people from disadvantaged backgrounds skills to help them be independent. Helped mothers and babies by knitting clothes for them.

They were very socially aware of the under-privileged and did all they could to make life more bearable for them.



Founder of Inner Wheel - Margarette Golding.

Margarette Golding the wife of Rotarian Oliver Golding, was so thrilled with all that the Rotary Club did, that she thought the wives would enjoy working independently with their own 'wives group'.

She and Oliver ran a business in Stockport making uniforms for doctors and nurses. She was a trained nurse in her own right. SO she wrote to all the Rotarian Wives about her idea, BUT she stated in the letter that they wanted to start a ladies Rotary Club. Some were quite excited about the idea, but others thought, along with their husbands, that a woman's place was in the home — and so it was only 27 of them who met in the Turkish baths at the back of Kendal Milne's (in Parsonage Gardens) in the lovely cooling lounge to make a plan of action.

The first thing to be thought about was where to meet for their monthly get-togethers, and they decided on the Manchester Social Club near the back of the Midland Hotel, where the Bridgewater Hall now stands.

They started with evening classes for young girls and it was announced that a High Tea had raised £11 for Club Funds, (as lot of money in those days) and 80 knitted woollen garments had been sent to St Mary's Maternity Hospital in time for Christmas.

However, Rotary thought the idea of a women's Rotary Club was completely out of the question and forbade them to use the name Rotary as part of their name. SO they decided that as they were a wheel within a wheel, they could simply be referred to as THE INNER WHEEL.



Pebble marking IW founding site – outside of Bridgewater Hall



Founding Plaque



Mrs Golding managed to get permission to speak at one of the Rotary National Conferences — many of the wives present were thrilled with the idea of a women's section and so it was that Inner Wheel spread like wildfire throughout the British Isles. Inner Wheel is now the largest women organisation in the entire world, with over 100,000 Members in more than 86 countries.

The good works that are done throughout the world by Inner Wheel is phenomenal and we are always trying to educate women in skills and knowledge to help them to have a better life.



Premature Baby Garments

In recent years the club has changed little, retaining the best of the old whilst attempting to move with the times - outdoor concerts, youth competitions, comforts for the elderly, knitted garments for Premature Baby Units, and stillborn babies, specialist wheelchairs for physically disabled children - there is hospice support, Inner Wheel has bought three Lifeboats, hundreds of dogs for the blind, we support The British Heart Foundation, the printing of braille books and the talking newspaper, giving precious aid to dozens of charities reliant upon our support.

We also work right here in the centre of our City supporting Lifeshare. They look after the young men and women who make their living when most of us are in bed. One of the members of our Club is an unpaid Director. Christine and Peter Sivori (the ice-cream manufacturer) and all their family are very much involved in working with these vulnerable young people.

Christine and Peter's son is a doctor, and he and some of his colleagues have set up a free drop in centre to take care of the health of the young people - doctors, dentists, feet care, haircuts and general caring in every way. All free of charge.

Christine sometimes goes out on the 'night run' with hot soup and sandwiches, along with personal hygiene products. Peter won't let her take the front door key with her, because when she arrives home, he wants her to ring the doorbell so he can come to give her a big hug, to help overcome the upsetting things she has seen on her run.

We do an enormous amount of Overseas Service, often working through Rotary International (to make sure our money arrives securely), we support global education for girls, medication for babies delivered by AIDS infected mothers allowing the babies to be born free of the disease. We also supply a simple treatment for mothers to protect them and their offspring from tetanus for fifteen years, caused by babies being born on the bare soil in their huts.

We still help Rotary with all their schemes - Life Straws so that infected water filtered through the straw, is pure enough to drink. We send shoe boxes for the children of Eastern Europe, and Emergency Boxes for those made homeless by war. We are proud of the fact that through Rotary, polio is almost eradicated from the world, and now I believe we are working to eradicate Malaria.



Joan and Ernie Johnstone with their family

We also support the incredible Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia where girls as young as nine are damaged in childbirth. One father walked 150 miles with his young daughter on his back to the hospital, where she was made completely well again. When they go home, they are given a new dress and a warm shawl, because it is cold in Ethiopia at night. We make some of the shawls for them. Worldwide, we are fighting for the rights of women and it is great to be a part of so much goodness.

Apart from sharing fellowship with other Clubs in our District, we also have a lively social programme within our Club, consisting of theatre visits, meeting in each other's homes for coffee, bonfire nights, Sunday Lunches and garden parties and we organise trips along the canal, outdoor concerts, visits to stately homes, garden centres, museums and factories, plus attending District Meetings, luncheons, dinners, quizzes and the District Book Club.

Sometimes we sponsor members to carry out special stunts such as abseiling from a great height, or landing via a high wire from the top of the City Football Stadium, and this is always exciting for those taking part and also for those watching.

This year we provided playground equipment for a school giving free education in Lagos, Nigeria, run by the Salvation Army.

Inner Wheel is a safe circle of friends worldwide. You can be as involved as your life permits. but when you are in trouble and need support, help is only a phone call away.

Inner Wheel is an incredible world-wide group of women, and The Manchester Club is proud to be the Founders of it all.

- Joan Johnstone –



Ernie and Joan Johnstone

Ernie Johnstone was a member of our club for 32 years and was President of the Rotary Club of Manchester 2001/2

Mike Craig Award



Mike on right with Ken Dodd

Mike Craig left a legacy of entertainment history when he passed away in 2010. The Mike Craig Comedy Award is sponsored by Susan Craig, The Rotary Club of Manchester, John Kennedy, and The Grand Order of Water Rats.

The **Mike Craig Comedy Award** was presented by Rotarian Susan Craig to two students from Salford University's Comedy Degree Program. A comedy showcase, featuring students from the program, was held at the famous Frog and Bucket Comedy Club, on Tuesday May 22. The award winners are selected by a panel of judges from Salford University, based on using the following criteria: Comedy Flair, Creativity, Production, Performance, and Critical Engagement with Comical History.



Salford University Students at the Mike Craig Awards



Rotarians at the Mike Craig Awards

Members and friends in attendance from the Rotary Club were Peter Hartley, Susan Craig, Barbara Rosenthal, Robin Graham, Dale McAulay, Ian Kane, and BBC producer Steve Garner.

Students from Salford University provided the entertainment along with professional comedienne Kate Carter and remarks by Dr Richard Talbot lecturer and programme leader for Comedy Writing and Performance at Salford University.



The Frog and Bucket has been an integral part of the Manchester Comedy Scene since 1993. While maintaining its reputation for nurturing new talent and showcasing world class acts, it has been instrumental in launching the careers of acts such as Peter Kay, Johnny Vegas, and Dave Gorman to name but a few.



Awards were presented to **Erika Ehler for performance** and **Emma Hyslop for comedy writing**, as well as a contribution to the **Edinburgh Project**, which sponsors students to attend and perform at the Edinburgh Festival.



Rotary Ramble – Anderton Boat Lift

Friday May 24 2019



It was a nice day when we met up at the Anderton Boat Lift in Norwich. Built in 1875, the boat lift was the world's first and is currently England's only boat lift. We walked along the canal towpath, through fields, and pastures before returning back to the boat lift for lunch.

The idea for "the Grand Trunk" - a canal connecting the Mersey and the Trent rivers - came from canal engineer James Brindley. Josiah Wedgwood cut the first sod in 1766 and the Trent and Mersey canal was opened 11 years later. Salt from the Cheshire "salt towns" had been transported down the river Weaver to the Mersey since the Weaver was made navigable in 1734, and the Trent and Mersey canal, which passed close to the Weaver Navigation, provided a second transport route further south to the coal-mining and pottery industries around Stoke-on-Trent.



The canal was 15.2m higher, so goods had to be passed by hand between the two waterways. The trustees of the Weaver Navigation asked their chief engineer, Edward Leader Williams, to find a solution. Leader Williams had been impressed by a hydraulic ship lift that he had seen at the Royal Victoria Dock in London, and he appointed its designer, Edwin Clark, to design a lift for the Weaver trustees. The Anderton boat lift was finished in 1875, at a total cost of £48,428, and operated for more than 100 years before corrosion closed it in 1983. Donors raised £7m to restore it with its original hydraulic design.



Bill Laidlaw, Sinclair McLeod, Hugh Barrett , Ernie Metcalfe, Derek Evans , Peter Hartley, Dale McAulay, and Helen Roberts were on the Ramble.

Club Assembly – Rotary Plans PE Sarah Withington



PE Sarah Withington outlined her plans and ideas for the coming Rotary Year at the Club Assembly on Thursday June 30th.

Well it's just over a month before we embark on a new Rotary year and I will be honoured to be your President. Since 1911 our club has been serving others before ourselves, our work is never complete and we have some fantastic opportunities to make a real difference in the coming year! The main focus for me will be all about young people and supporting local charities right here in our City, along with our fantastic Wow Water project. Doing what we do and doing it well, whilst enhancing our relationships, through joint working with both the Inner Wheel and Rotaract. It's going to be a fantastic year and I look forward to our journey.

- PE Sarah Withington -





**The Rotary Club of Manchester
District 1285
Invites you to our Summer Reception
At
Arley Hall and Gardens, Cheshire
11th July 2019 1230 - 1600**



Come and Celebrate our New Rotary Year!

The Rotary Club of Manchester District 1285 invites Rotarians, Inner Wheel, Rotaract and Friends to join us at the magnificent surroundings of Arley Hall and Gardens. We will receive a warm welcome from Lord and Lady Ashbrook, followed by a light lunch and the opportunity to explore the beautiful grounds including the Hall, woodlands, family chapel and the world famous herbaceous border. Lord Ashbrook has also agreed to be on hand to answer any burning gardening questions!

Supporting The Rotary Foundation, Tickets are amazing value at just £20 please register your interest via Eventbrite or contact Sarah Withington via email

Presidetelect@manchester1285.org

Dress Code; Smart Casual

Up and Coming Events

- Fellowship Evening
Thurs June 6
The Boathouse, Sale Water Park,
M33 2LX
19:00
- Club Council
Tues June 11
Hough End Centre 17:15
- Lunch Meeting
Thurs June 13
TBA
- Lunch Meeting
Thurs June 20
Rotary International Report
PE Sarah Withington
- Rotary Ramble
Friday June 21
Macclesfield

Club Meeting Info

Weekly: Every Thursday at 12:30

Place: Manchester Hall

36 Bridge Street, Manchester,

M3 2BT

- Lunch Meeting
Thurs June 27
President Siddika Ahmed
Valedictory Address
- Lunch Meeting
Thursday July 4
Visit to Mustard Tree
- RC of Manchester Garden Party
Thurs July 11
Arley Hall, Cheshire
12:00 – 16:00
- Lunch Meeting
Thurs July 25
Tony Beckett – District 1250
Rotary and Youth Projects
- Lunch Meeting
Friday Sept 13
Steve Jordan, Station Officer,
Eccles Community Fire Station
Operation Florian and Damascus
Project Update
- Thurs Dec 5
Rotary In Manchester Christmas
Dinner
The Hough End Centre
Chorlton
19:00

Rotary Club of Manchester Team 2018-2019

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Siddika Ahmed

President Elect

Sarah Withington

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Vocational

Julie Chapman

Executive Secretary

Robin Graham PHF

Secretary

Peter Hartley PHF

Community

Julie Chapman

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