

# ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER



NEWSLETTER

October 2019



## Economic and Community Development Month

### *From our President Sarah Withington*

October is Economic and Community Development month so what better way to start October than by reflecting on all the amazing community projects our club is involved in, both at home and internationally. During September, I was lucky enough to join PP Julie Chapman at Ronald McDonald House at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, for the presentation of our emblem on their donor tree and we celebrated PP Robin Graham's work in the Fievie community when Stuart Mason visited us and talked to us about his Hand Health for Hygiene project which we can share with Fievie in the coming months. It's a busy October. Following on from the fantastic afternoon tea at Hemu and Indra's, why not think about organising something yourself? It doesn't have to be big - every little bit helps to support our amazing community projects!

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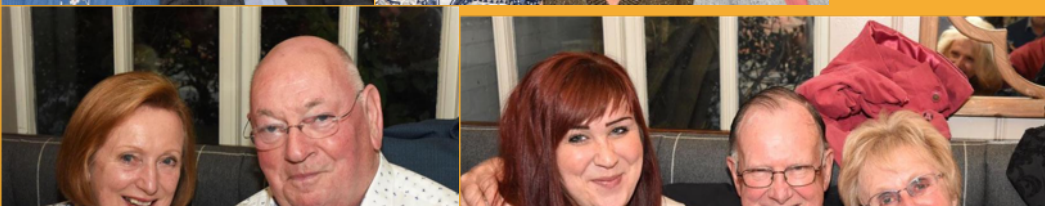


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# September Fellowship Evening – The Romper



The Romper, in Altrincham, was the venue on September 5<sup>th</sup> for an evening of food and fellowship. Many were in attendance with some visitors from other clubs.







Thanks to Roger Walker for organising the event.

Please come and join us at our next fellowship event.

**In attendance:**

*Jan Abbott*  
*Julie & Roy Chapman*  
*Susan Craig & John Kennedy*  
*Derek and Ann Evans*  
*Peter Hartley*  
*Joan & Ernie Johnstone*  
*Ann Malyon*  
*Dale McAulay & Ian Kane*  
*Rosemary & Sinclair McLeod*  
*Marian & Ernie Metcalfe*  
*Barbara Rosenthal*  
*Christine & Roger Walker*  
*Mavis Pittway*  
*Bella Rosenthal & Matt*  
*Sarah Withington*

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 our Peter Hartley PHF

Peter Hartley has been a member of our club since 1995 . Currently, Peter is the club Secretary, Treasurer, and Primary Webmaster. In this interview, he shares some of his personal pursuits, as well as ideas and causes he finds of interest.



### Tell me a little about yourself:

Born in Bowdon, Cheshire and have an elder brother, Alan. Educated at Altrincham Grammar School. Whilst growing up we had many family holidays including numerous to St Ives in Cornwall.

I always had an interest & fascination with aeroplanes and enjoyed cycling to Ringway (now Manchester International Airport) with my father to watch the piston engine aircraft of the day. I do remember at Primary school seeing the first Sabena jet aircraft going into Manchester that started a nonstop service to New York! My first flight was in an Auster that used to pleasure fly at Manchester, and I was hooked on flying for life! Whilst at school I joined an Air Cadet squadron in Manchester. I enjoyed the camaraderie –going to camps at RAF Stations around the country, shooting, flying, map reading, drill etc. I learnt how to look after myself! I applied for a gliding course at RAF Burtonwood and went solo at age 16. I stayed on to become an instructor at weekends and was teaching other cadets at 18. I was put forward and gained a commission from my 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in the RAFVR(T) as Technical Officer (looking after the serviceability of the gliders, winches and vehicles) and gained my A2 RAF classification that enabled me to send cadets solo. Quite a responsibility that I didn't take lightly. (Think that's when I started to lose my hair!!) .



I met my late wife, Lyn, at a party at the Gliding school and we married a few years later. She became a Ward Sister and midwife at a major hospital in Liverpool. After we married, she accepted the role of sister on the Recovery ward at Wythenshawe Hospital – a new role in a unit that they delayed opening until we returned from our honeymoon! We have two daughters, Rachel and Caroline that mean the world to me. Sadly, Lyn passed after being married just 19 years. It makes me sad to think what she missed out on as the girls were growing up.



***Daughters Growing Up***

My interest in aviation determined my working life and I worked for a couple of freight forwarders, ending up as Regional Manager for a worldwide airfreight forwarder. I then joined a Dutch airline Martinair, as Regional cargo sales Manager, and worked for them for 24 years – albeit the last 3 years after a takeover by Air France / KLM. Each day was different with many varied commodities we transported worldwide, from pharmaceuticals, chemicals, ships masts, to motor vehicles of all descriptions. I was the main contact for a number of years when we had full charters of luxury cars and concert equipment each month for the Sultan and Royal family of Brunei. After retiring 7 years ago, I can honestly say that I do not miss the work - just miss some of the friends I met over the years as customers. In fact, I don't think I would have time now to work.



***Martinair aircraft in MCR for a car charter.***



***Peter (with hair) as an instructor at 635 GS RAF Burtonwood***

## What led you to join the Rotary Club?

My father had been a member of the RC of Manchester for 29 years when he passed - He had introduced me to club members at various meetings I attended as his guest and I had joined them to help on trips taking seniors on days out to the Lake District or N Wales. It was after his passing that a number of members suggested that I join. I like and try and follow the Rotary motto of "Service before Self" and the only sadness is that I didn't join whilst he was still alive. Philip Webb was a great help and source of advice whilst a member and preparing to be President.



***Peter at Charity Ride***

I am still involved in the Butler St Seniors club which meet every couple of weeks and is one of the clubs that my father helped at during his Rotary service. I was honoured to be the President for our Centenary and take great delight at the causes we helped during my year. I suppose one of the highlights was the Massed choir concert at the Bridgewater Hall. Philip Webb and I were involved with planning for this over a year before the event and The Christie benefited by many thousands of pounds from this concert. Two club members who were in different choirs at the event were PP Phil Laker and PDG Keith Malyon.

***Club concert at The Bridgewater Hall***



## What kinds of things do you like to do, when you are not working?

Apart from my duties at Rotary, I am kept pretty busy as Secretary with FOGIES (**F**ormer **O**ld **G**liding **I**nstructor **E**xtension **S**ociety). It is a society that is 24 years old and has 167 members that were former Air Cadet Gliding Instructors. It was decided that we should have regular get-togethers rather than just meet at funerals! We meet at formal dinners twice each year at an RAF Station and I am the main organiser.

I enjoy photography, walking , reading , Formula 1 ,listening on my aviation scanner and computer related activities. I also enjoy flying and gliding & especially like flying small general aviation from different airfields around the country. I try to attend one or two flying displays each season. I used to also enjoy cycling but, after my broken leg a few years ago I find that this is not possible now. I am, however, proud of accepting the challenge from a past member in my year as RC President of completing a 100km cycle ride for charity and raised £1500 for The Christie.

I try and support both my daughters and enjoyed visiting our youngest daughter in Abu Dhabi many times and understanding the culture and differences in that part of the world. It is described as a “jewel in the desert “and I can realise why. Our other daughter and family moved to Aberystwyth a year ago and I enjoy visiting and especially doing things with granddaughter, Sophie.



***Peter's Parents***

## What are some causes you care about?

The Christie is a charity (as well as some homeless charities) that I support as I have a lot to thank them for. Their treatment of my late wife was exceptional, and it was fitting that our eldest daughter was a nurse in charge of a ward there for over 10 years before moving to a hospital in Aberystwyth.



### **What music do you like?**



***Peter as an air cadet***

I enjoy most kinds of music and go to many concerts and have seen a lot of the big names. It was quite an experience after the F1 final in Abu Dhabi last November to be on the front row with my daughter in the “Mosh Pit” watching Guns N’ Roses – her favourite rock group – and my first time at a hard rock concert ! Last concert attended was Bryan Adams in Nottingham and next one is next Tuesday in London for a Les Mis concert followed three days later by Russell Watson and Aled Jones in Stoke.

### **What are some things that you would still like to do?**

I had always wanted to visit India and did so 18 months ago with a visit with Caroline .We travelled from Abu Dhabi and spent a week in Jaipur and the experience was amazing. From the pink coloured buildings, the colours , smells , forts and history in Jaipur to visiting the Taj Mahal in Agra that was built in 1653. Truly amazing. I have friends in Australia and New Zealand and that is on my list to visit in the future.

### **Who is someone you admire, and why?**

The greatest influence and role model in my life was my father. He taught me so much in life and helped me after the loss of our son of 3 days. After my mother passed, we went to California for a holiday –as he had never been to the USA. We travelled in Business Class from Amsterdam on the airline I worked for – I knew that this would be a new experience for him . Not only did we enjoy seeing the many sights and new experiences, but it was a time that he opened up and told me more about his service in the Army during the war when he was in Sumatra. He had rarely spoken about his experiences in the war. It highlighted the fact how lucky our generation was to not to have to endure a war and all the pain that it brought to many. It also allowed me to understand why he could not forgive the Japanese for what he saw and the colleagues he lost during that campaign.

**Anything else you would like to add?**



***Peter with his brother Alan in St Ives, Cornwall on a family holiday***

I look forward to the Rotary Club of Manchester membership growing and members taking on responsibilities so that the Club can continue to thrive and help the causes and charities in our locality. I hope that I play my small part in that.



***Initial officers course RAF Upwood. Which one is Peter?***

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

On September 10, PP Barry Lipkin passed away. Barry was President of the Rotary Club of Manchester 1987-88.

### **Barry Lipkin born March 1939**

Barry was our President in the year 1987. I remember Barry as highly intelligent, but at the same time a most private individual. This is born out in that at Liverpool College he passed his A levels at the age of 16 with a place at Cambridge for medicine, which he declined as he would have to wait 2 years to take up the place. What did he do was study for a S level in Nuclear Physics! He then changed tack and studied Law at Liverpool. His father was a dentist, a profession Barry was not inclined to follow. At UNI his other activities included the wine club, Bridge club and playing viola with the National youth club. Imagine doubling Barry in a contact of 7 no tumps.

Thru' music Barry met his wife who was a celebrated Harpsichordist and they had 2 sons, Alex and Andreji.

Barry decided law was not for him so qualified in accountancy. He became the national Tax Partner for Kidsons. He spent time between Manchester and London. His family record Barry as a workaholic, even on holidays.

Barry came to Rotary thru' being a member of Round Table and following retirement became a Freemason. He was also a member of the St. James club in Manchester.

I really enjoyed Barry's company despite his superior intellect. We both visited Belfast in 87, one of our 1911 clubs, staying at the notoriously most bombed hotel, probably in the world. The Hotel Chef celebrated the 21st bombing of the hotel by baking a cake.

Now people say that life is so hectic these days as an excuse to not take part in other matters. Well I suppose that Barry being an expert rode that road with equanimity. Barry a man that Rotary should be pleased that he was one of us.

*-David Andrew-*

### **New Arrival – Isla Lee**



On September 12<sup>th</sup>, club member Lilian Liu and her husband Ernie, were blessed with a beautiful baby girl. Her name is Isla and she was 2.74 kg. Congratulations to Lillian and Ernie.



## OTHER SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Ronald  
McDonald  
Plaque  
Presentation



Manchester Breakfast  
Club – 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Charter Breakfast

One of the winners (Dale McAulay)  
at the UK Laughing Championships  
on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> hosted by  
#WESTANDTOGETHER and  
presented by Rotarian Robin  
Graham PP.



## Steve Jordan MBE

### An update on Operation Florian and the Damascus Project



Our September 26th meeting, featured guest speaker, Steve Jordan. Steve is the Station Manager of G61 Eccles Community Fire Station, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.



#### ***Some History***

Reading a magazine article asking for volunteers, during his lunch break in 2002, led firefighter Steve Jordan to follow up the information given in the article and two months later found himself in Bosnia. This was the start of his involvement in Operation Florian and he has been an active volunteer over the last 17 years.

#### ***What is Operation Florian?***

Operation Florian is a UK Fire Service Humanitarian Charity working to promote the protection of life amongst communities in need, worldwide, by the provision of equipment and training to improve firefighting and rescue capabilities. Operation Florian is named after the patron saint of Firefighters.

Starting in the war-torn areas of Bosnia and Croatia, and then expanding to Montenegro and Macedonia, Operation Florian provided equipment and training, as well as bringing instructors to the UK to be trained to pass on skills back in their home countries. Fund raising and the collection of used and new fire equipment became part of the program.

#### ***The Goal***

Fire Equipment for Every Firefighter



***Fire Truck, Kavardaci, May 2019***

### ***What they do?***

#### ***Training and Equipment:***

*Breathing Apparatus  
Search & Rescue Techniques  
Road Traffic Extrication  
Specialist Rescue  
Basic Fire Fighting  
Advanced Fire Fighting  
Rope Rescue  
Urban Search & Rescue  
First Aid  
Hazardous Materials  
Civil Protection*

### ***Rotary Club of Manchester Involvement***

By 2009, The Rotary Club of Manchester became involved when Rotarians Roy Chapman and Bill Laidlaw, visited the Rotary Club in Kavadarci, Macedonia, who were involved in the project by helping the local club in Kavadarci, Macedonia to upgrade their fire station.

In 2014, Rotarians Hugh Barrett, Roy and Julie Chapman, Peter Hartley, Barbara Rosenthal, and John Abbot bid farewell to a fire engine and equipment that was donated to Negotino, Macedonia from the UK, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Manchester.

### ***The Lebanon Project***

Operation Florian has gone beyond Bosnia and Steve has found himself in Ecuador, Paraguay, South Sudan, Thailand, Kenya, and more recently Lebanon.

Steve pointed out to us that Lebanon has a population of 6 million with an additional 1.5 million refugees. Refugee camps are challenging environments – tough living conditions, open skeleton buildings with no doors or windows, extreme climate conditions of hot and cold, burning of plastic bags to create heat – all add to the number one killer in refugee camps – FIRE!





Working with the Lebanese Civil Defence, Steve and his colleagues, provide training to 5000 firefighters (80% are volunteers) with not just firefighting, but rescue operations. There are also a large number of car crashes due to poor road conditions, lack of seat belts, etc. and the firefighters also do rescue work. There is little support in Lebanon for these services, a country with poverty and a large poor-rich divide.

The Operation Florian Lebanon project not only provides training but is also trying to deal with the lack of basic protective equipment – such as firefighting equipment (something that in the UK costs £1000 per firefighter), rescue equipment, life jackets, and more.



***Containers of Equipment sent out to Lebanon January 2019***

### ***Women in the fire service in Lebanon***

Up to now, there were many female firefighters, but they were all volunteers. The female firefighters have shown a desire to become professional firefighters and two women were brought to the National Training Centre in the UK, to assist in making their ambitions a reality.



### ***Future Plans***

Donations of used UK equipment that was going to go to landfill  
October Conference with Rotary Club in Baabda (Lebanon)  
Shipment - fire appliances, donations, 74 pallets  
Florian and Rotary joint project



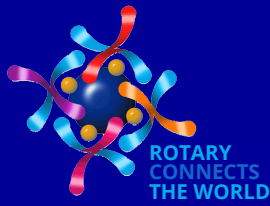
***Steve with the “magic fire glove”***

### ***Fire Glove***

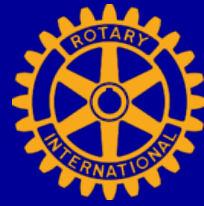
A cool way of educating children, especially in the high fire risk refugee camps, about fire safety. It tells a story, using a bit of a “magic trick”, by using a multiple reversible glove, making the information fun and engaging for kids.

*Thanks to Bill Laidlaw and Roy Chapman for contributing further information to this article.*





The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation in D1285



# Annual Foundation Dinner - Seminar

**Come and enjoy a three-course meal, meet old friends and make new ones. Learn what we do from great speakers who are helping to improve the world through our Rotary Foundation.**

Thursday 28th November 2019, 6.30 for 7.00.p.m

**Statham Lodge Hotel**  
**Warrington Rd, Lymm. WA13 9BP**

Cost £20.00. Booking forms, with cheques payable to District 1285 Foundation Committee, to:

**Stan Bowes, 9 Dorset Avenue,  
Diggle, Saddleworth, Oldham, OL3 5PL**

Showing name, club, and any special food requirements  
**Payment must be received by 15th November**

## ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS





## **Lakeland Fellowship**

**Borrowdale Gates Hotel, Borrowdale, Cumbria**

**Monday/Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Dear Member,

Seven single rooms have been booked at the Hotel for the above dates on a first come first served basis.

The cost per night will be £100 per person per night and will include dinner, bed and breakfast and VAT.

To enable me to confirm the booking please complete the slip below and return it to me as soon as possible with your cheque for £50 deposit made payable to myself. This deposit is non-refundable.

Derek Evans

Please reserve the following-

Name-----

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## AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Indra and Hemu Gupta held an afternoon tea party at their beautiful home in Bramhall on Thursday 19th September. The proceeds, which exceeded £240, went to the Rotary Foundation charity.

There was an incredible array of sandwiches, Indian delicacies, scones and cake !! Even President Sarah had baked a cake in honour of the occasion! It was a brilliant afternoon of friendship and fellowship.

As well as some of our Rotary members there were a number of Hemu's friends from her schooldays ! Many thanks to Indra and Hemu for making the afternoon so enjoyable.

**- Peter Hartley-**





# Hand Hygiene for Health

Stuart Mason – Rotary Club  
Bribie Island - Australia



Stuart Mason, on September 26<sup>th</sup>, gave a presentation on his invention, the SPATAP. It is a way of introducing hand washing into environments where people do not have access to taps.

Stuart pointed out to us that in a developed country has, on average, 20-40 water outlets per home and meanwhile, 2.4 billion people do not clean water (UNICEF), making it 1 in 9 people not having access to clean water. It is also estimated that 443 million school days are lost to water related illnesses.

## **What is SPATAP?**

SPATAP is a portable tap that can fit to any bottle transforming it into an instant flow controllable tap that can dispense water in 3 different ways.

## **How Many Handwashes From One Bottle?**

A SPATAP and 1.5L bottle of water has achieved 62 handwashes with soap in water scarce communities in the world

## **What is SPATAP made of?**

SPATAP is made of the highest Quality German Silicone with a 30+ year shelf life

## **What Bottles can it fit on to?**

SPATAP fits onto many different bottles, soft drink plastic bottle, military canteens, steel water flasks, shampoo bottles, jam jars, Big 19 litre plastic bottles, Oil containers. Every bottle is different. We suggest smaller the 1.5litres for a tap and bigger than 1.5litres for a shower

## **What bottles do you recommend for Schools?**

1.5litre or smaller as the children can easily lift this amount of water or carry it to school.

## **Is SPATAP safe?**

SPATAP has certification for water and food safe silicone and is UV stable.

-Information from <https://handhygieneforhealth.org/> -





Photo from [handhygieneforhealth.org](http://handhygieneforhealth.org)

At our meeting we had many guests from other Rotary Clubs to see this inspiring talk.

Stuart also found that it empowers children by taking control of their own health while making washing hands into a fun activity.

A main part of the project is the training of students, teachers, and parents in how to use the SPATAP to create a handwashing habit.

The training shows children to use minimal water and to wash their hands at break time, lunch time, and after the toilet with soap and water.



Aim of the project is to  
"END HYGIENE POVERTY EVERYWHERE"

## Up and Coming Birthdays

October

9<sup>th</sup> Alia Arif

December

1<sup>st</sup> Roger Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> John Gavan

13<sup>th</sup> Lilian Liu

January

5<sup>th</sup> Sarah Withington

February

13<sup>th</sup> Sebastian Moldovan

22<sup>nd</sup> Liz Cowell

March

17<sup>th</sup> Dale McAulay

25<sup>th</sup> Nye Rowlands

## Up and Coming Events

- Fellowship  
Thursday Oct 3  
Yara's Restaurant, Cheadle 18:00
- Club Council  
Thursday Oct 10  
12 noon - Manchester Hall
- Lunch Meeting  
Thurs October 10  
Hearing Dogs for Deaf – Christine Wright
- Lunch Meeting  
Thurs October 24  
PP Royston Flude – Rotary Wanderings
- Club Council  
November 12  
Hough End Centre 17:15
- Lunch Meeting  
Thurs October 24  
PP Royston Flude – Rotary Wanderings

- District 1285 Foundation Dinner  
Thursday November 28  
Stratham Lodge Hotel, Lymn
- Rotary In Manchester Christmas Dinner  
Thurs Dec 5 19:00  
The Hough End Centre, Chorlton
- District 1285 International Rally  
Wed March 18 2020  
19:00  
TBA
- Rotary Convention  
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA  
June 6-10 2020

### Club Meeting Info

**Weekly: Every Thursday at 12:30**

**Place: Manchester Hall**

**36 Bridge Street, Manchester,**

**M3 2BT**

## Rotary Club of Manchester Team 2019-2020

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Sarah Withington

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Julie Chapman

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