# ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

***From our President Sarah Withington***

Has Spring finally sprung!

The rain hopefully is now gone, but it's a really strong metaphor as March is Rotary Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene month - a resource we take for granted but as we know from our amazing WoW water project, access to clean water is a gift!

A great month ahead for Rotary Manchester so let's enjoy being Rotarians and People of Action.

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# February Fellowship Evening -The Romper

The February 6th 2020 Fellowship Dinner took place at The Romper.

Everyone really enjoyed the company. The food was good, and the service was at its usual excellent standard.

SUPPER CLUB

## SUPPER CLUB MENU

The perfect mid-week treat with a collection of our favourite dishes, bursting with seasonal flavours to warm and comfort. Relax and enjoy two or three courses.

**Served from 4pm, Monday to Thursday.**

2 COURSES £13.79 3 COURSES £15.79

### STARTERS

**Oak-Smoked Chicken Liver Pâté**
With caramelised red onion chutney and toasted sourdough bread

**Devilled Whitebait**[1]
In a spiced coating, with tartare sauce

**Panko-Coated Calamari**[1]
With garlic & rosemary mayonnaise

**Stilton® & Peppercorn Mushrooms** (V)
On toasted sourdough bread

**Roasted Red Pepper & Sweet Potato Kofta Skewers** (Ve)
With mixed leaves and a cucumber & mint dip

### MAINS

**Hand-Battered Atlantic Cod and Chips**[1]
With triple-cooked chips, garden or mushy peas and tartare sauce
Add bread and butter for £1.29

**Classic Hunter's Chicken**
Grilled chicken breast with back bacon, topped with smoked cheese and a barbecue sauce. Served with onion rings, triple-cooked chips, house slaw and dressed salad

**Sea Bass and Seared Scallops**[1]
Grilled sea bass fillets and pan-fried scallops, served on a prawn, white wine & pea risotto (£3 supplement)

**Beef, Pancetta & Red Wine Lasagne**
With dressed leaves and a choice of triple-cooked chips or garlic ciabatta

**Chicken, Bacon & Avocado Salad**
With Tenderstem™ broccoli, radish, spring onion and mixed leaves in a honey & mustard dressing, served with a seeded crostini

**Hand-Battered Halloumi** (V)
Lemon & coriander halloumi with triple-cooked chips, garden or mushy peas and tartare sauce

**Prime Gourmet Beef Burger**
Hand-pressed burger topped with a fried free-range egg, smoked cheese, streaky bacon and our signature burger sauce. With skin-on fries and a barbecue dip

**Gourmet Chicken Burger**
Grilled chicken breast topped with smoked cheese, streaky bacon, red onion, tomato and mayonnaise. With skin-on fries and a barbecue dip

**Chef's Veggie Burger** (V) NEW
Plant-based burger topped with halloumi, red onion, tomato and our signature burger sauce. With skin-on fries and a barbecue dip
Vegan option available (Ve)

**Steak & Red Wine Pie**
Our award-winning pie is full of slow-cooked farm assured British beef in a rich red wine gravy with mushrooms and roasted baby onions in hot water crust pastry. Served with triple cooked chips or mash, glazed seasonal veg and a rich gravy

**Chicken & Woodland Mushroom Pie**
Farm assured British chicken with leek & mushroom in a creamy white wine sauce, in hot water crust pastry with a puff pastry lid. Served with triple-cooked chips or mash, glazed seasonal veg and a rich gravy

**Chef's Seasonal Garden Bowl** (V) NEW
A honey & mustard dressed garden salad of warm butternut squash, baby potatoes, beetroot and Tenderstem™ broccoli with radish, red onion and rocket *(345kcal)*
***Tailor your salad, add:***
*Chicken Breast, Grilled Halloumi* (V) *or Roasted Red Pepper & Sweet Potato Kofta Skewers* (Ve) *for £3*
*Sea Bass*[1]*, Rump Steak (581kcal) or Scottish Salmon*[1] *for £4*
Vegan option available (Ve)

**Gammon Steak**
With a fried free-range egg, freshly grilled pineapple, sticky rum & cola glaze, triple-cooked chips and garden peas

**Bistro Rump Steak 8oz** (£2 supplement) or
**Prime Sirloin Steak 8oz** NEW (£4 supplement)
With half a grilled tomato, onion rings and a choice of triple-cooked chips, jacket potato or dressed salad
Add a signature steak sauce: Creamy Peppercorn, Garlic & Mushroom or Merlot & Beef Dripping for £1.49

### PUDDINGS

**Millionaire's Cheesecake** (V)
With salted caramel sauce, shortbread crumb and freshly whipped cream

**Indulgent Chocolate Fudge Cake** (V)
Served warm with Beechdean clotted cream ice cream

**Choux Bun with Prosecco Strawberries**
Filled with mascarpone and freshly whipped cream, with strawberries in a Prosecco sauce and a raspberry coulis

**Eton Mess Sundae** (V) NEW
Eton mess ice cream with meringue pieces, white chocolate mousse, freshly whipped cream and raspberry coulis

**Crumble of the Day** (V)
With custard, double cream or Beechdean clotted cream ice cream
Vegan option available (Ve)

**Rich Chocolate & Raspberry Torte** (Ve)
Topped with an indulgent chocolate & raspberry ganache, finished with raspberry coulis and vanilla & coconut ice cream

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
When you buy this Torte, we will donate 20p on your behalf to Macmillan Cancer Support.[†]
**We are proud to support Macmillan.**

We also serve our main menu all day.

**We aim to make our food enjoyable for as many people as possible, so we have a great range of vegetarian, vegan and dietary specific dishes. For more information or full details about the presence of allergens in all of our dishes and menus, just ask a member of our team.**

(V) **Suitable for vegetarians.** (Ve) **Suitable for vegans.** [1]**Fish and poultry dishes may contain bones and/or shell. Some dishes may contain alcohol which may not be listed on the menu.**

*Please be aware that all our dishes are prepared in kitchens where nuts and gluten are present, as well as other allergens, therefore we cannot guarantee that any food item is completely 'free-from' traces of allergens. Full allergen information on the ingredients in the food we serve is available upon request – please speak to a member of the team. Please advise the team of any dietary requirements when ordering. Please speak to a member of the team if you would like further information on our vegan and vegetarian dish preparation. All weights are approximate prior to cooking. Our menu descriptions do not list all ingredients. Full allergen information is also available at www.chefandbrewer.com. Please be aware that all our calorie counts are based on standard recipe portions and as dishes are made to order this value may vary slightly. Reference Intakes (RIs) of an average adult: 8,400 kJ/2000 kcal. Tesco Clubcard and Gourmet Society cards cannot be used in conjunction with the Supper Club set menu. †For every Rich Chocolate & Raspberry Torte sold, £0.20 plus VAT will be paid to Macmillan Cancer Support, a registered charity in England & Wales (261017), in Scotland (SC039907) and in the Isle of Man (604). Paid to Macmillan Cancer Support Trading Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Macmillan Cancer Support to which it gives all of its taxable profits. All service charges, cash and credit/debit card tips are paid in full to our team members. Tenderstem™ is a registered trademark. Chef & Brewer is a trading name of Greene King Brewing and Retailing Limited, Sunrise House, Ninth Avenue, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 3QZ.*

CHEF & BREWER

Participants:

*Jan Abbott*
*Julie Chapman*
*Susan Craig*
*John Kennedy*
*Derek Evans*
*Indra & Hemu Gupta*
*Joan & Ernest Johnstone*
*Ann Malyon*
*Sinclair & Rosemary McLeod*
*Barbara Rosenthal*
*Roger & Christine Walker*
*Sarah Withington*
*Alan & Sheila Small*
*Mavis Pittway*

Thanks to Roger Walker for organising the event.

Please come and join us at our next fellowship event.

## A Rotary Joke

A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first and asks for $1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for $2 million. "Very well," say St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally, it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?"

# Peter James-Robinson MBE
# District 1285 Governor 2020/21

The speaker for the Thursday February 13th meeting was our incoming District Governor, Peter James-Robinson.

***President Elect Derek Evans, Peter Robinson, President Sarah***

In his presentation, Peter revealed his humble beginnings – his father was a bus driver with two jobs. Peter had an ambition to be a jockey so took an apprenticeship, but when he grew from 4 ft 6 in to over 6 ft, his jockey aspirations were dashed.
Next, he went on to become a 'Red Coat" at a Butlins holiday camp, where he went on to meet his now wife of 44 years, who convinced him to stay in Bury. He then continued on as a transport truck driver and eventually started his own transport business.
Twenty-three years ago, Peter fell ill which left him in a wheelchair, but the ultimate optimist Peter, has used what some people would consider a setback into positive action.
He threw himself into helping others, especially the disabled.
His charity work has led him to receiving an MBE.
Peter joined Rotary 20 years ago and has held many positions in Rotary.

***Peter after receiving his MBE***

## A few of Peter's many achievements

- Disabled Sports Chairman for the winning team three years running
- Rotarian for 18 years, club President twice, Assistant District Governor for three years, District Community Chairman for three years, and awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He is the current DGE.
- Collects for 16 Charities on a regular basis, including Macmillan nurses, Marie Curie, Help the Heroes, British Legion, to name some.
- Awarded an MBE in 2012 for services to Charities and the Disabled in Greater Manchester.
- Seven years voluntary work four days a week for Bury Shop mobility.
- Media - Has been in the local newspapers on numerous occasions for his Charity work and has spoken on local radio on three occasions.
- Six years as the North West Disabled Cricket Manager.
- Trustee on the Manchester District Nurses Charity fund committee and three others.
- Trustee and Chairman of The Mellor Fund for 6 years.
- Has taken part in three Manchester Marathons for Charity.
- Committee and Ambassador for the Radcliffe Carnival for several years.
- Give talks to Rotary clubs and other organizations, all over the UK.

***Peter receiving his MBE from the Queen in 2012***

# Rotary Ramble – Dunham Massey

Because of the uncertain weather, it had been decided to have a shorter walk round Dunham Massey Park, where the paths should be less muddy than other walks.

It was rainy and with some large puddles along the way, but our small, but resilient group dressed for the occasion in our water-proofs (except for a few that did not wear the proper shoes!!!!!)

We meet in the Dunham Massey Park car park on February 21st and walked to "The Swan with Two Nicks" to stop for an enjoyable lunch before returning back to the carpark.

Participants included President Sarah, Otter the dog, Bill Laidlaw, Hugh Barrett, Peter Hartley, Derek Evans, Ernie Metcalfe, and Dale McAulay.

Thanks to Ernie for organizing this event.

# WOW WATER PROJECT UPDATE

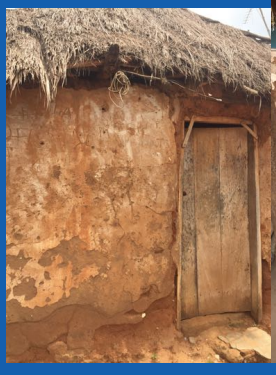
The Global Grant for the WOW project is officially completed. The Rotary Foundation have accepted the final report.

We directly helped about 1450 people have access to clean drinking water through connecting the community of Fievie Dugame to the mains and extending the pipe to the Junior High School.

We also distributed 45 Life Straws to the boys who look after the cattle.

***Robin Graham***

***Water – Before and After***



***Village of Fievie Dugame***

**Things we need to help the community**

- New or used laptops, tablets, and smart phones
- New or used books, educational materials and supplies
- Help with transporting these things to Ghana
- Ideas, Information, and Ways to deal with:
  - Toilets
  - Period poverty
  - Empowering women in setting up their own businesses
  - Help with recycling
  - Education for toddlers and parents
  - Obtaining internet

Dale, A'dell and Robin have booked to return to Ghana in August to continue to support the community.

We need to see how the microfinance pilot has gone, and work with the community to listen to what they need and to find how we can help them.

# *Rise Against Hunger*

Thirty six Rotary Clubs came together on Sunday February 9th in Prescot to pack 60 000 meal boxes to distribute to children in 3rd world countries. Each box provides a child with food for 12 months.

The event was organized by St. Helens and Prescot Rotary Clubs.

***Our Club was represented by President Sarah Withington, Indra Gupta, and Peter Hartley.***

# Laughter in My Life – Susan Craig

Rotarian and member of the Rotary club of Manchester, Susan Craig, presented her favourite comic moments at our meeting on Thursday February 27th.
Susan's late husband, Mike Craig, was a comedy writer for the BBC and created many famous sketches and comic routines. He created more than 1000 radio and TV shows.

Susan's choices, were all from the 1950's, and featured black and white videos that had been archived from the past.
They included:

- Water Rats – Morris and Cowley, Clarkson Rose, Wilfred Pickles, and Charlie Kunz
- Jimmy James – doing his famous box routine
- The Last Night of the Crazy Guys – Flannigan and Allen – from the Victoria Palace, London
- Norman Evans – doing his famous 'over the wall' sketch
- Jewell and Warris – dancing instead of their usual comedy routine

Our meeting also included guests – DG Patrick Tyrell and Inner Wheel President Trudie Bennison, along with Rotarian Isola Ogunsola, PE from the Rotary Club of Gbagada D9110, Nigeria.

***Bill Laidlaw PHF, Susan Craig, Rtn Isola Ogunsola from Nigeria***

***Exchanging Banners - Rtn Isola Ogunsola from the Rotary Club of Gbagada, Nigeria with PP Julie Chapman.***

***Rtn Isola Ogunsola, IWP Trudie Bennison, PP Julie Chapman, DG Patrick Tyrell***

***PE Derek Evans, Rtn Isola Ogunsola from Nigeria, DG Patrick Tyrell***

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

## Birthdays

**March**
17th Dale McAulay
25th Nye Rowlands

**April**
5th David Andrew
19th Paul Harris 1868 Racine, Wisconsin
30th Robin Graham

**May**
7th Susan Craig
9th Peter Hartley
10th Indra Gupta
30th Barbara Rosenthal

# THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MANCHESTER

.....Invite you all, Members, Family & Friends..... to come to enjoy with us our Special Fund Raising Event for

CANCER RESERCH AT CHRISTIE'S

SPRING INTO SPRING!

Fantastic AFTERNOON TEA with FIZZ

SUPER!!! CABARET with BRUCE McLAREN

Singing Big Band to Broadway & be ready to Boogie

At The Manchester Hall, Bridge Street,
Manchester, M3 3BT

Thursday 12TH March 2020. 12noon. £20.

Super Shopping & Grand Raffle

Look forward to seeing you

Parking concession at NCP Car Park Back King St. £9.50p. Ticket to be authorized at Manchester Hall Reception.

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Please send your Names/Numbers & Cheques, made to The Inner Wheel Club of Manchester, to Gill Wilson - 78, Mill Lane, Reddish, Stockport SK5 6TP, by Thursday 5th March 2020.

Name of Club _____ Number of persons _____

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# Summer Camp 18th July - 1st August 2020

*A Camp where all the young people arrive as strangers and leave with lasting memories and lifelong friends.*

Plans are now underway for the 2020 International Summer Camp to be held at Petty Pool Outdoor Centre at Sandiway near Northwich. A total of 14 overseas visitors will be invited to spend two weeks here as guests of our Rotary District. Already we have had applications from Rotary Youth Exchange officers in countries who have never previously sent students to our Camp.

As in previous years home hosts are sought who can look after either one or two young people aged between 16 and under 18 once they arrive in Manchester on Saturday 18th July until they go to Petty Pool on Wednesday 22nd July, and also for one further night at the end of the Camp on Friday 31st July before all the campers return home.

On Sunday 19th July there will be a Get Together Brunch to which all visitors and their host families are invited. A Welcome Barbecue will be held on Wednesday evening 22nd July and a Final Barbecue and Presentation evening on Friday 31st July, both at Petty Pool, again to which all host families are invited.

Other than the Get Together Brunch the programme for the home hosts is entirely free – none of the visitors will have been to England before so all will be eager to see the sights around our area.

All home hosts will need DBS certification to comply with current legislation and Rotary guidelines. This can easily be arranged if not already in place.

Anyone who feels that they may be able to host one or two young people should make contact with Eric Cowcill, ericrcowcill@aol.com when further details can be provided as necessary.

## Up and Coming Events

- Fellowship
  Aspire Restaurant
  Thursday March 5

- Club Council
  Hough End Centre
  Tuesday Mar 10 17:15

- Lunch Meeting
  Thurs Mar 13 12NOON start
  Followed by Inner Wheel Spring
  Into Spring Manchester Hall

- Book Giveaway
  Sat. March 14 10:00 to 16:00
  MCR Breakfast Club
  Asda Hulme

- District 1285 International Rally
  Wed March 18 2020
  19:00 Buile Park Road M6 8LG

- Rotary Ramble
  Fri March 20
  Rotary Ramble
  TBA

- Club Lakeland Visit
  Mon March 30-Wed April 1

- Fellowship
  Thursday April 2
  TBA

- Lunch Meeting
  Thursday April 22 12:30
  Inner Wheel President
  Trudie Bennison

- Rotary Expo
  Fri May 1 – Sun May 3
  Birmingham

- 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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