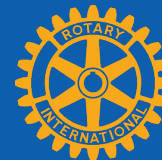


# ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

NEWSLETTER



JULY/AUGUST 2021



## ***From our President Derek Evans Rotary Fellowship Month***

The month of June is the start of preparing for the new Rotary year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July. At Club Assembly, our incoming President, outlined his plans for the forth coming year which included some projects which will make for an interesting and fruitful year ahead. The meeting that followed was addressed by the District Foundation Chairman, IPDG Patrick Tyrell, who spoke on the importance of Rotary Foundation and the giving of financial support. It was amazing to learn just what has been achieved and accomplished by Foundation. For the final meeting of this Rotary year, I gave a resume of the happenings throughout the year before completing the hand over to the incoming President, Roy Chapman.

As this is my Swan Song, I wish to thank you all for accepting me as your President; it has indeed been a pleasure. You have supported me and assisted in helping me achieve the goals which we set out to accomplish. It certainly has been a year with a difference, but we have got through it and, hopefully, things will get back to normality very soon.

Again, many thanks to you all

Finally, as I hand over to my successor, Roy Chapman, may I offer him the very best of wishes for the future. I leave my position in the most capable of hands of a respected and well-seasoned replacement.

Again, many thanks to you all

***Best wishes to you all, Derek, President***

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Member contributions! Jokes,  
poems, photos, recipes, and  
more!!!!!!!

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**TAKE ACTION:** [Rotary Club of Manchester](https://www.rotaryclubofmanchester.org.uk/)

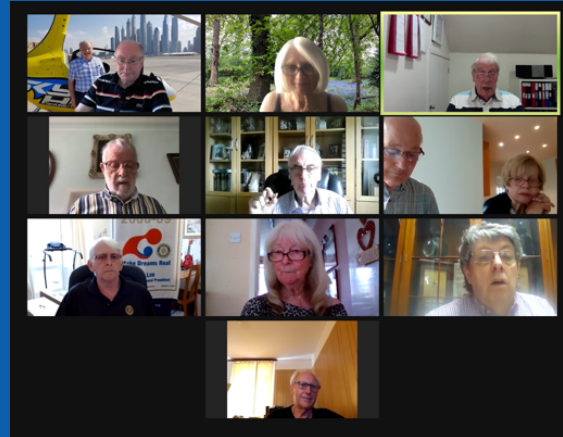
## Zoom June Fellowship – June 3, 2021

With more than 15 people in attendance, our June 2021 Fellowship took place on Zoom – our new normal for fellowship evenings.

It was a **Book** themed night.

### Favourite Books shared included:

The Hobbit & Lord of the Ring  
The Screwtape Letter  
Shabby Tiger  
A Grief Observed  
Ring of Bright Water  
Hamnet  
Midnight Library  
The Photographer of the Lost  
Livingstone the Liberator  
Twilight Tales of the Black Baganda  
My African Journey  
Tess of the d'Urbervilles  
Children of the New Forest  
Schools Inspector books  
Condition of the Working Class in England  
North & South  
Manchester Man  
The Hornblower books  
Great Expectations  
Wings on my Sleeve



*Some screen shot photos taken during our Zoom fellowship!*



Please try to meet up on Zoom for the next fellowship on July 1st. Face to face fellowships starting in September.

## ROTARY CLUB MEETING –JUNE 10TH, 2021 CLUB ASSEMBLY

Our Club Assembly took place on June 10th on Zoom with more than 15 people present, including Marian Basu, Assistant District Governor. Marian spoke about the importance between Local Work and International Work.

Plans and aspirations were presented by various committee chairs. Remarks were made by:

Fellowship: **Barbara Rosenthal**

Membership Retention and Development: **Robin Graham**

Community and Vocational Service: **Julie Chapman/Peter Hartley**

Youth (inc. Rotaract): **Roy Chapman**

International: **Dale McAulay/Robin Graham**

Foundation: **Bill Laidlaw**

Publicity and PR: **Dale McAulay, Peter Hartley**

Future ideas were also presented by incoming **President Roy Chapman.**

### **In Summary:**

A look to the **future** included:

Membership Growth

Associate Members (Friends of Rotary)

Projects evolving

Climate Change

Continuing support for: Support Dogs, Mustard Tree, Wood Street Mission, Francis House, British Legion

Support for our International projects: WOW Water Project, Florian, Plan International

And Fund raising

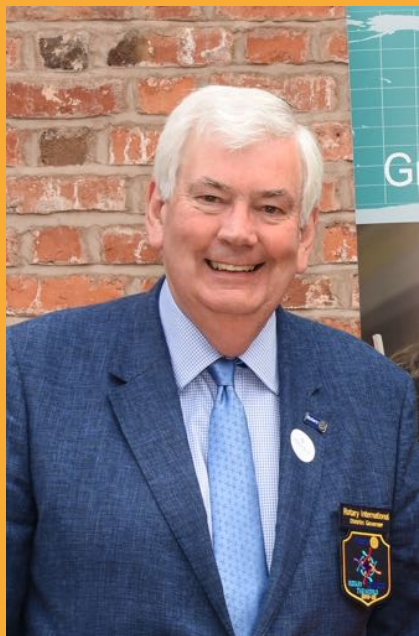


**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

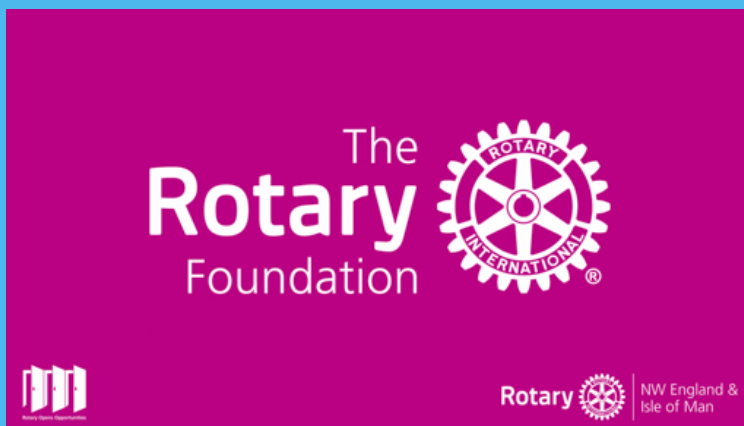
# ROTARY CLUB MEETING – JUNE 17, 2021

## ROTARY, PDG PATRICK TYRELL

### ROTARY FOUNDATION



More than 15 people were in attendance for the meeting on June 17th. Patrick Tyrell, Rotary Foundation Team Leader, shared information about Rotary Foundation.



#### Highlights from the Presentation

### The Rotary Foundation

It's Rotarians' pot of money within reason!

Purple 4 Polio

END  
POLIO  
NOW



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#### Some Facts:

Africa polio free (celebrated last October)

Down to one type of wild polio virus

Wild polio cases 2020:

Afghanistan 56 (29 in 2019)

Pakistan 84 (147 in 2019)

Polio – do you want to make a difference?

Purple 4 Polio



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### Then Along Came Covid...

Using polio model to track & trace Ebola & Covid in villages

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Disaster Response Grants \$8m

Three grants of \$25,000 in GB&I  
£6,000 in your district



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### Funded by a District Grant

Land being prepared for the tree planting on the perimeter of Maria's Care. Was:



is.....



### Recycled for Rehab – Appropriate Paper Technology



£375 grant to Cheadle & District



### The Big Stuff

Global Grants

A&E Care in Ethiopia

Orthopaedic workshop in Zimbabwe



### Orthopaedic workshop in Zimbabwe



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### So, what is a Global Grant?

Global – needs an “international” partner Rotary Club

Project has to be sustainable and what the local community want

Cover one of the Rotary Areas of Focus

Foundation will match funding from the Districts' Foundation fund

Project total budget > \$30,000 (say £24,000)

### Now this is a Global Grant

\$1.25m Rotary Foundation Global Grant



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## Rotary Manchester

Thank you for your donations in  
2019/2020 & 2020/21



Rotary NW England & Isle of Man

### Rotary would like.....

Annual Giving to the Rotary Foundation fund  
£75 (\$100)  
Annual Giving to the End Polio Now fund  
£40 (\$55)  
which Bill Gates will more than match



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### A techie bit.....



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### So, for this year:

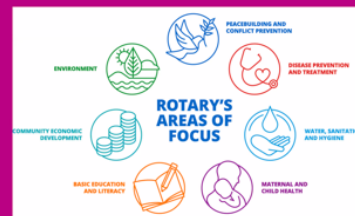
Three years ago, in 2017/8 District raised \$89,000  
So, 50% comes back to us this year \$44,500  
(and \$44,500 released to Global Fund)  
Half to District Grants \$23,100  
Half added to District Fund for Global projects

## TOP REASONS TO SUPPORT OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION



Rotary NW England & Isle of Man

## Many ways to change lives



Rotary NW England & Isle of Man

### TRANSPARENCY AND EFFICIENCY

- 92% spent on program awards and operations
- 4-star rating from Charity Navigator
- 100 points for financial health, accountability and transparency
- Financial reports publicly available
- Professional investment committee for financial oversight



Rotary NW England & Isle of Man

### INVOLVEMENT OF ROTARIANS



Rotary NW England & Isle of Man



# And Finally.....

## How will you support your Foundation in 2021/22?



Rotary Opens Opportunities



Rotary NW England & Isle of Man

**ROTARY CLUB MEETING – JUNE 24, 2021  
PRESIDENT DEREK EVANS VALEDICTORY  
AND HANDOVER TO INCOMING PRESIDENT ROY CHAPMAN**



With more than 15 members present, President Derek gave his valedictory address over Zoom.

He mentioned how this was an unusual year with no meetings in person and how we all had to adapt to a changing life with Covid restrictions, but that we still managed to function.

There were charity casualties, such as the Butler Street Monday Club and our annual Christmas collection at the Arndale Centre with the police choir BUT still managed to have a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Zoom and still contributed to Shoe Aid UK, the Beirut Disaster, the India Covid Crisis, and charities such as Support Dogs and Plan International. The details can be found in the newsletters from the past year.

Derek reminded us that we had great speakers such as the Lord Mayor, the District Governor, the Rotary Club of London, members from Rotary in Lebanon, and our own Rotary Scholar Dr Jyotika Virmani. Zoom gave our club more flexibility as many speakers were not in Manchester but in places around the world.

Our fellowship was a problem with no meeting up or dining out allowed, but we continued and included various themes to make it more interesting such as quizzes, climate change, along with favourite movies and books. He stressed the importance of meeting and socialising in person again and September is our target date.

Derek thanked everyone for all their great work with a special thanks to Peter for all his help and “for supporting me and achieving goals”, then concluded that “Zoom will stay – it will be part of Rotary of the future.”

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Ernie Metcalfe, the Rotary Club of Manchester's longest running member and president in 1991-1992 then gave a vote of thanks to Derek on behalf of the members. BELOW is the text of the thanks.

### **Thanks, on behalf of the members**

I am sure we all recognise that Derek has had one of the most difficult and frustrating Presidential years in the history of our Club.

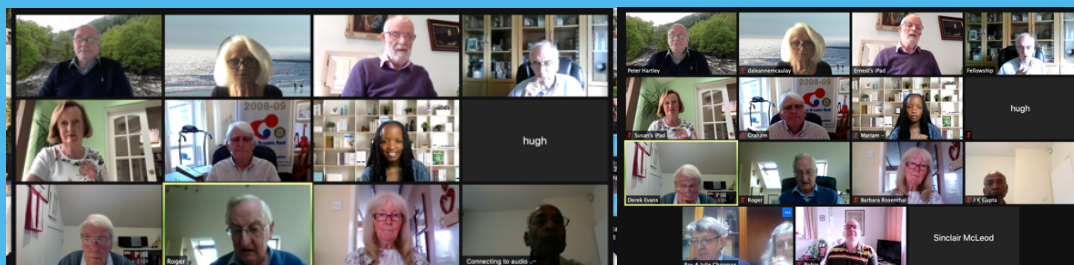
Considering the difficulties, I think Derek has done a remarkable job. I know how anxious he has been and worried about the welfare of both individual members and the future of the Club. It is fair to say he has left it in remarkably good shape. He has kept the Club together with careful and compassionate leadership, and with some notable successes. It would have been all too easy to have sat back and done very little because of Covid. But that is not Derek's way. He did whatever he could in the circumstances. The shoe scheme, the stamp collecting for support dogs, the support for the bike ride and the success of our Fellowship evenings are all notable achievements and without Derek's drive and enthusiasm wouldn't have been anything like a successful.

In his year Derek has had most of the downsides and some special challenges and missed out on all the more enjoyable events such as the dinners, the conferences and the general socialising. In other words, he has had much of the work and worry of President but little of the fun. He has borne this with tolerance and good humour. For Derek has tolerance, patience, and personal warmth by the bucketful which he has freely poured over the Club and its members.

With Derek you get what you see. He is entirely sincere in all he does. He gives it his all straight from the heart, and this he has done as our President.

You have been an excellent President Derek. So much so you might consider doing it again in a few years. We all owe you a debt of gratitude for keeping the Club going. Thank you very, very much and very well done.

**Ernie**



**Screen shots of some of the members at the meeting.**

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Derek then introduced our new Rotary Club of Manchester president, Roy Chapman – his 4<sup>th</sup> go at this position, wishing him all the best.

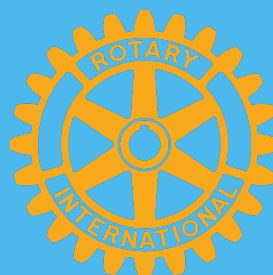
Roy outlined some of his goals for the coming year. He wishes to support the same charities as Derek, continue support for Beirut and the environment, along with all our other charities and projects. (See page 3 on this newsletter).

He is looking forward to Face-to-Face Fellowship starting in the autumn.

Roy also wanted to thank Derek for having such a super year under challenging circumstances and keeping the club together with the trials of new technology.



Derek and Roy



## **ROTARY AND THE CHRISTIE CHARITY BIKE RIDE UPDATE**

Michael Metcalfe (Ernie's son) has completed his ride from Land's End to John O'Groats starting May 31<sup>st</sup> and finishing on June 12<sup>th</sup>. He expected to do about 70 miles a day for 14 days.

All donations and sponsorship money are being channelled through our club with the main beneficiary being The Christie and a residue 25% going to our Charity account.



Update: From Ernie

Dear All,

He's done it! All 1005 miles. A bit sore in places, and not the obvious ones, but very pleased. It was a real team effort with lots of encouragement all round. It has been a tremendous effort.

Attached are the final photos. Justine (Michael's) wife has more if anyone is interested.

So far on the Just Giving page £2735 has been raised and I have had a further £455 from various sources.

Many thanks, once again for all your wonderful support. Look after yourselves and keep safe,  
Best wishes, Ernie

NOTE: latest update is £3250 as of June 24th





## Update India Covid-19 Appeal Collaborative Project

We close this current Rotary on a high note and celebrate the tremendous success that our District 1285 clubs have collectively made, in swiftly responding to the India Covid-19 appeal. I am pleased to say that more than three-quarters of the clubs in District 1285 responded to the appeal and have given their overwhelming support.

1. Just over a handful of the clubs generously contributed to RGBI's Disaster Emergency Committee Response to Covid-19 India appeal. This went towards supporting India's health care system by providing PPE, soap, hand washing stations, and essential food supplies to vulnerable families.

2. Forty-Seven other District clubs and a few private donors, collectively have raised just over £21,000.

All donations have been meticulously managed by our very efficient District Treasurer Dennis Hobson. Thank you, Dennis, for your help and support.

We purchased and sent out 28 oxygen concentrators (10 litres and 5 litres machines) to Rotary District 3040, which has 94 clubs with approximately 2400 members. The clubs are located in Central India, covering parts of Madhya Pradesh and Gujrat states.

The first batch of the machines went during the peak period of the crisis. Oxygen Concentrators were purchased from Toshniwala Industries Private Ltd. The owner of this company Rajiv Toshniwala is a Rotarian in Rotary District 3053. Rotarian Rajiv has also thrown in several infrared thermometers and finger pulse oximeters with our order.

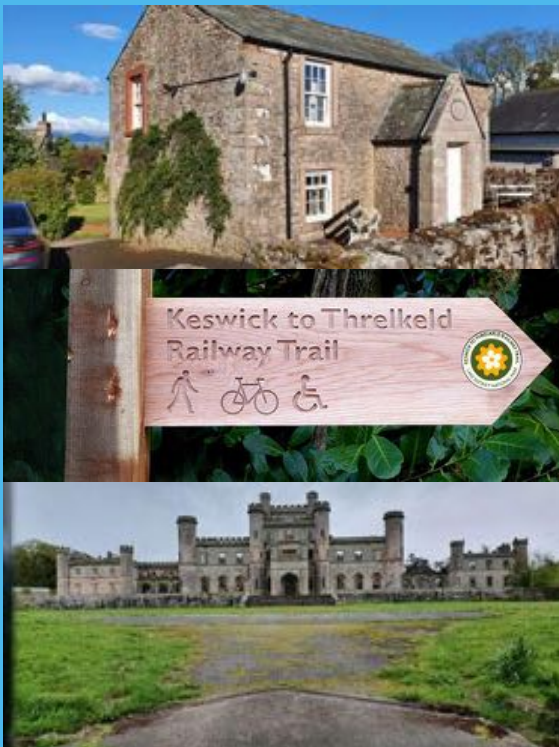
The total cost for these 28 oxygen concentrators, including bank transfers, is £20,178.34. The residual surplus, amounting to £ 992.66 has been sent to DEC India appeal. A very big round of applause to all District 1285 clubs for a very successful collaborative service project - "Gift of Life from Rotary Northwest England and the Isle of Man"

Kind Regards  
Swati



## Lakeland Break by Peter Hartley

Derek Evans, Ernie Metcalfe and I enjoyed a 5 day break in the Lake District last month . We spent 2 nights at Derek & Ann's cottage( a former Methodist Chapel) at Newby and then 2 nights at the Borrowdale Gates Hotel at the southern end of Derwentwater . We had a brilliant time and enjoyed different walks each day . The weather was mixed but a great time was had ! Derek's daughter , Mandy , very kindly drove us to the restaurants from the cottage, so we didn't have to worry about enjoying a drink with our meals and having to drive home.



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I will just mention one walk that we did from Keswick to Threlkeld . Having left one car at the Horse & Farrier at Threlkeld we used the other to get to our starting point near the Leisure Centre at Keswick. The tarmacked 5 km pathway goes along the trackbed of the old Cockermouth, Keswick and Penrith railway that goes through the beautiful tree- clad Greta Gorge .

Five years ago Storm Desmond hit Cumbria and destroyed this trail and now the National Park Authority ,having spent £7.9M on the project , re-opened recently the new and improved route. The storm brought the worst floods the county had seen with approx 178 mm of rain falling in Keswick . As a result 2 of the original Victorian railway bridges that cross the River Greta and about 200 metres of path were washed away. These bridges were replaced and another repaired and they re-opened the Bobbin Mill tunnel for the first time in 50 years.



-Lakeland continued-



The trail has been fully reconnected and enhanced , with new picnic benches , seats and perches at viewpoints have been installed as well as signage along the route giving information on the local history and heritage story of the trail and giving information on the local wildlife and flora and fauna.

Work as been done to protect the riverbank from future flooding and stone filled baskets have been installed to provide additional strength to the banks to prevent future bank erosion . 35 oak saplings have been planted alongside the exisiting oak woodland . This mixture of tree ages helps provide habitat and a food source for many insects ,birds and other animals including the red squirrel.

This new trail means that wheelchair users can use it that previously would have been unable to. On the day in question there were quite a number of walkers enjoying this excellent walk.

The views along the route are splendid and , as it started raining as we neared Threlkeld, it was a welcome sight to see the Horse and Farrier come into sight . Our lunch had been booked in advance due to COVID-19 requirements . After having our victuals, we drove back to Keswick to collect the other car and made our way to the Borrowdale Gates Hotel in Grange to continue our Lakeland Break !

**Peter**



## ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER PROJECTS



# Save The Planet

### Rotary Club of Manchester Suggestions

#### Savings on water and power

- Don't leave gadgets on standby for long periods
- Turn off unnecessary lights
- Don't turn on lights when not needed
- Put a full load in the dishwasher
- Put a full load in the washing machine
- Wash clothes at the lowest or most economical temperature
- Whenever possible dry clothes outside or inside in place of a spin dryer
- Cook whenever possible with a microwave (e.g. soups and drinks)
- Put only the required water in a kettle
- Use any spare boiling water to kill weeds in place of weed killer
- Shower instead of bathing
- Share a bath
- Shower for a shorter time
- Shower only when needed
- Turn central heating down a little and wear an extra sweater
- Install solar panels
- Wash clothes a little less often
- Flush toilet less often
- Place a brick or similar in the toilet cistern
- Fit a water meter (this often reduces water usage)
- Mend dripping taps
- Wash the car less often
- Collect rainwater for the garden
- Don't use hosepipe on the garden most plants and lawns will recover
- Run taps slower when washing hands etc.

#### Home, Garden and Driving Actions

- Drive economically to save fuel
- Don't carry excess or unnecessary loads in your car
- Keep tyre pressures at recommended levels
- Have your house as well insulated as possible
- Pull curtains at night
- Grow some of your own veg
- Plant a fruit tree
- Support tree planting by others, e.g., National Trust
- Make your own garden compost



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## Life-style Actions

- Walk for short journeys – healthier than driving
- Use public transport if possible
- Car share
- Buy local produce or that which is least travelled
- Simply buy less stuff, especially clothing
- Buy used items instead of new
- Recycle as much as possible
- Send as much as possible to charity shops instead of landfill
- Eat less meat, especially red meat
- Become vegetarian
- Holiday in the UK
- Try to re-use items – e.g., plastic bags
- Plan carefully the food you buy to avoid waste
- Continue home working if practical

**Watch our website for more information over time! Copy and paste this link! Thanks to Ernie.**

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=834382&ClubID=299>

**See Ernie's Article in the Rotary Magazine June/July on Page 37**



## From Roy THE ENVIRONMENT – THE NEW ROTARY AREA OF FOCUS

We are increasingly being urged to consider the environment – it is now a Rotary Area of Focus.

See: [https://www.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIgcq2-aq98QIVjeR3Ch1SPAGGEAAYASAAEglhbvd\\_BwE](https://www.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIgcq2-aq98QIVjeR3Ch1SPAGGEAAYASAAEglhbvd_BwE)

Here is a small way those of use with gardens can contribute, reduce energy consumption and become fitter. See:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5TvQqf0Q8VK0wYD6CB0n1WC/how-to-cut-your-grass-sustainably-and-burn-some-calories-too>

Amazing Waterrotor Energy Technologies.

Hydroelectric Power Productions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBAFFnggaKE>

Later this summer we will relaunch the district Show Appeal. Details to follow. However, if you have any old boots lying around why not help your local birds and make an 'old boot nesting box' see photo. From Roy





## BEIRUT DISASTER APPEAL UPDATE

**Rtn Roy G Chapman PHF, President 2021-2022, Rotary Club of Manchester**

After the terrible Beirut Port explosion of August 4<sup>th</sup> 2020, we launched an appeal to raise money to help with reconstruction work. We already had a partnership with the Rotary Club of Baabda in Beirut (see below). We raised some \$3,200. This went to Baabda to use in focused efforts. The money has gone towards rebuilding the School of the Immaculate Conception – located in a poor district of the city. The RC of Milano Nord Ovest (Italy) donated Euros 3,000 to two Clubs in Lebanon, the RC of Beirut Cedars and the RC of Baabda (this makes approx. \$3,600).

The IMMACULÉE CONCEPTION SCHOOL in Geitawi/Ashrafieh was severely damaged from the Beirut port explosions. They are still making repairs but they need almost everything. Sister Marlene Youssef asked for 10 digital interactive boards. The cost is \$1,000 each set. Therefore the project cost is \$10,000. The RC of Beirut Cedars agreed to use in partnership with us, the Italian donation of approx. \$3,600 and to contribute with 50% of the remaining \$6,400, i.e. \$3,200 from the RC of Beirut Cedars and \$3,200 from our club. The donation received from the RC of Manchester fits perfectly with the amount of the Baabda's contribution.

This is an important first step and can be built upon. It is great to achieve some good at the school. It is such an important part of the community and the children are the future. For more information on the IMMACULÉE CONCEPTION SCHOOL in Geitawi/Ashrafieh. See: <https://www.ncregister.com/news/beirut-s-catholic-schools-the-blast-struck-our-history>



photo: Courtesy of the Daughters of Charity

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Damage was extensive to the Immaculate Conception School in Beirut, run by the Daughters of Charity, in the aftermath of the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 blast at the Beirut port. (photo: Courtesy of the Daughters of Charity)

We hope to develop further links with the school. See: <https://icgrade8.weebly.com/a-typical-day.html>

The Rotary Club of Manchester has a long history of working with Operation Florian – the firefighter charity – on humanitarian projects, from Macedonia to Lebanon. There is a close fit between the ethos of Rotary and Florian in humanitarian efforts. In its specialist way the work of Florian underpins the welfare and humanitarian needs of its partner Nations.

With our re-use of perfectly serviceable PPE and equipment that would otherwise be scraped or finish-up in landfill, Florian is also closely linked to Rotary's new focus on the environment.

The work in Macedonia is all but finished. In Lebanon the efforts were halted by the Covid 19 crisis. Things in the country have become worse, following Covid 19, the huge explosion in the dock area in August last year, plus the endemic corruption of the political system and the collapse of the economy.

Operation Florian hope to return in 2022. The Club's partnership with Operation Floarian dates back to when I was President in 2010-2011. I had a very encouraging and wide ranging discussion recently with Operation Florian, Fire Aid, Women in the Fire Service, the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, Rotary District 1040 and others. They share the aims and hopes for the Lebanese fire service.

The scope for wider development exists. This could involve the Clubs of Baabda, Cosmopolitan, Cedars and possibly other Clubs across Beirut, the Rotary Club of Manchester, both Districts 1040 and 1285 and the other organisations referred to above. More information to follow.



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## MEMBERS SECTION

### FROM THE EDITOR

With isolation and social distancing, normal meetings at the Manchester Hall are not taking place and many of the wonderful things that we do, are postponed or delayed for now! The virus has, not only made everyone realise how much we usually take for granted, but as a Rotary Club, forcing us into the world of technology and the internet. This is a good thing! This virus does not seem to be going anywhere for a while but the vaccines for Covid-19 are now being distributed, so there may be some small signs that we may be able to meet together again sometime in 2021.

Thanks to the many people that contributed to this section of the newsletter – it is meant to inform, along with some things to cheer us up and help us remember that a sense of humour is always a great thing!

Take care and stay safe

Dale

**Thanks to the contributors of this Members Section: Hope that I did not miss anyone!**

Helen Roberts  
Derek Evans  
Peter Hartley  
Bill Laidlaw  
Dale McAulay

Please free to send me contributions for this section for the next edition of the newsletter. Dale

### Some Jokes from Derek

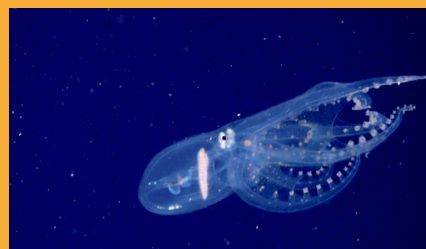
#### Men/Women

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again. Men will get it the first time.



### Quiz – What is this?



Look for answer later in newsletter

### More Derek Jokes

#### Water in the carburettor

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor."

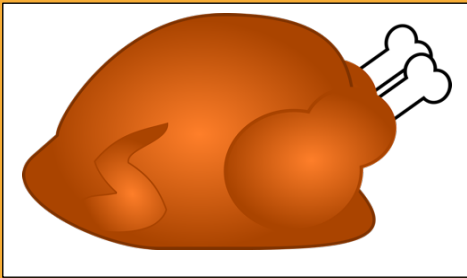
HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous "

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the river"

### A Joke from Peter



A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to, and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her on the subject, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and say something in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you.

If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, 'I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens.'

Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response.

So, the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Still no response. Next, he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, he gets no response. So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away.

"Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, there is no response.

So, he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

"Ralph! for the FIFTH flipping time, it's CHICKEN!"

### This is a frightening statistic!

25% of the women in this country are on medication for mental illness.

That's scary. It means 75% are running around untreated.

### He must pay!

Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her Mum and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you." Mum said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you.

### Today's Short Reading from the Bible...

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then He made the earth round...and He laughed and laughed and laughed!



### Contributions by Helen



*For the poem section. I think everyone has been clearing out & dusting in this pandemic. We can dust forever. Helen*

### POEM

#### Dust If You Must

by Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and  
need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in  
your hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go (and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust.

*Rose Milligan from Lancaster in Lancashire, England, and first published on September 15th, 1998, in the 21st edition of The Lady ("in continuous publication since 1885 and widely respected as England's longest running weekly magazine for women").*

### Celery and Apple Soup

#### Serves 6

2 heads of celery  
1 large Bramley apple  
1 medium onion  
1 small leek  
2 pints/1.12 litres  
vegetable stock  
1oz/30g Flora  
margarine  
1oz/30g plain flour

Thinly slice the celery across the grain and finely chop the onion and leek.

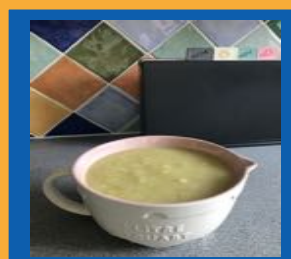
Sweat the onion, leek, and celery in the margarine in the pan.

Add the flour and cook for about 3 minutes.

Boil up the vegetable stock and add the ingredients.

Peel, core and dice the apple and add to the soup.

Simmer for 35 minutes then liquidise. Serve immediately.





## MORE JOKES FROM PETER

Teacher: How old is your father?  
Kid: He is 6 years.  
Teacher: What? How is this possible?  
Kid: He became father only when I was born.  
(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.  
MARIA: Here it is.  
TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?  
CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?  
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'  
TEACHER: No, that's wrong  
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.  
(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?  
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.  
TEACHER: What are you talking about?  
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?  
CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.  
(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?  
HAROLD: A teacher.

PASS THIS AROUND AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH!  
LAUGHTER IS THE SOUL'S MEDICINE!!

A Polish immigrant went to the RTA to apply for a driver's license.

First, of course, he had to take an eyesight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters

'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

'Can you read this?' the optician asked.

'Read it?' the Polish guy replied, 'I know the guy.'

**Answer to Quiz:** It is a giant Octopus, filmed recently by Jyotika Virmani formerly a Foundation Scholar sponsored by our Club and now resident in California as Chief Executive of a world ranking research organisation. She will be our speaker in November.  
From Bill Laidlaw



Life in Manchester City Centre - Photos by Dale

# NOTICES

## Fund Raising

### **Charity Draw - Next Draw in July**

This is our only source of income for the Charity Account and is likely to remain so for some time to come.

Therefore, each member can help raise money in the following ways.

Immediately, if possible, increase your own monthly subscription.

Encourage any friends or family who support our aims and objectives to also subscribe.

If you do not already contribute do so as soon as possible.

All you need to do is let me have their names and addresses and I will do the rest.

Thank you in advance.

Your help is much appreciated.

Roger Walker

### **April Charity Draw Winners**

The winners were:

Jitu Ruia £150

Susan Craig £50.

**Next draw will be in July**

### **Club Charity Donations**

**May 2021**

Dist. Covid-19 Appeal Plan

£1000

International

£21

Rotary Dist. Website Rotary

£50

Foundation

£150

### **To donate to the Beirut Disaster**

***For more information contact Roy  
Chapman PHF, Rotary Club of Manchester***

***[https://www.rotary-](https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=299)***

***[ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=299](https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=299)***

***Donate by BACS to Account No. 14435136,***

***Sort Code: 01 05 31, use Ref: Beirut and***

***your Rotary Club (so we can acknowledge receipt)***

***or use our Just Giving page at:***

***<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rotaryclubofmanchesterbeirutappeal>***





Venice, 5-7 November 2021

*Molino Stucky Hilton Hotel*

**ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

Venice Presidential Conference 2021  
c/o Studio Sforza, Busatto, Uliana e Associati  
Corte del Medà 29 – 31053 Pieve di Soligo (TV)  
[info@rotaryconferencevenice.org](mailto:info@rotaryconferencevenice.org)  
<https://www.rotaryconferencevenice.org>

**Congrats to Royston Flude**

Royston has just received a certificate from the University for Volunteer of the Year (Third Place). The UoM is ranked #1 in the world for Social Responsibility.



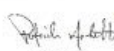
CATEGORY: ALUMNI

**3rd Place**

For outstanding service as a volunteer  
in the community

**Royston A Flude**

  
Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell  
President and Vice-Chancellor

  
Patricia Hackett  
Registrar, Secretary and  
Chief Operating Officer

Dear Rotarian

### Becoming a Sustaining Member

On 24<sup>th</sup> October it's World Polio Day and November is Rotary Foundation Month but in these strange times we realise that you've not been able to raise club funds to support your charity – the Rotary Foundation.



So, instead of Rotary dinners and charter nights, can I ask you to think about becoming a Sustaining Member of your charity - the Rotary Foundation. (My apologies if you already are - and our thanks).



Full sized copies of the Sustaining Member flyer are available at [this link](#). Better still, go to [RFUK Standing Order Forms](#) and fill in the standing order form on-line.

The form looks a bit like this – if it isn't you've landed on the wrong page!



Once the form has been completed, Rotary Foundation UK (RFUK) will check the information and send you an email confirmation. This will give you the

RFUK's bank details as well as a unique donor reference (basically your Rotary number) to ensure that your donation will be recognised correctly and you get the credit – which you can boost by using Gift Aid.

The RFUK email will have the details that will enable you to set up the standing order directly with your bank (either online or in person).

The new form sets up regular donations to any of RFUK's funds and will be much easier to do than before (using the old paper forms we used to have).

If you haven't got access to the internet and still want to become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member please give me a ring.

I look forward to you joining me in becoming a Sustaining Member of the Rotary Foundation – your Rotary charity.

Yours in Rotary

Patrick

"Chapman", 38, Hamilton Road, Wigan  
T: 01625 520028 M: 01959 163142 E: P

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### Community Service Projects Portfolio June 2021

Dear All,

The past 15 months have been like no other as we navigated through a global pandemic.

It is now time to plan for the upcoming new Rotary Year starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Many clubs are thinking of the service projects that can be delivered during the Rotary Year 2021-2022, under certain degree of restrictions and social distancing.

You will have heard at the District Assembly in May, District Governor Elect Eric talking about collaborative service projects and he highlighted the following:

1. Collaboration on projects within the club's cluster/District/International, allows to maximize the Rotary impact.
2. All clubs to initiate at least one new service project by June 2022.
3. "Do More to Grow More" through service projects and publicity.

DGE Eric also mentioned that, details of some of the service projects would be sent out, that may be helpful to your club.

Here are some projects for consideration for your local communities.

#### Rotary District 1285 Litter Picking Month:



The proposal is that in May 2022, all District clubs will be asked to commit to a litter picking week in their respective local areas, as part of the Great British Spring Clean initiative.

This would give Rotary clubs an annual focus and opportunity to partner with the local Councils, schools, youth groups, environmental

organisations and volunteer groups and to play an important part in making a difference to the environment at their doorsteps.

No financial outlay is required for this project. The initiative can be widely promoted in the local press and in the social media.

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#### QR Code Community Project:



At a time when fund-raising can be a challenge the QR Code project can support communities by providing easy access to local services through posters displaying QR (Quick Response) codes which use smartphones.

This is a relatively cheap scheme which provides excellent community support.

The QR Code Community Poster contains QR codes that link the user to specific areas of needs, which includes: Emergency Food Provision and Housing Support, Health & Wellbeing, Feeling excluded from the Community, Domestic Abuse; Drug & Alcohol Support, Mental Health Support and Volunteering & other Support Organisations.

Once the QR code is scanned it takes the user to a landing page that contains a brief summary of the services each charity / organisation offer, and link to their web sites.

The rollout of the QR Code Community Poster project has been delivered successfully by St Helens Rotary and is currently being trialled out in the Stockport area.

This initiative can be easily rolled out across the District 1285.

For further information and how to get involved in this initiative, please contact Paul Winstanley (PE Rotary St Helens) at [paul.winstanley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:paul.winstanley@blueyonder.co.uk)



WRAP UP UK is an annual project run by Rotary Clubs working in partnership with Hands On London. Its sole aim is to collect coats for distribution to charities supporting people across the UK who struggle to keep warm during the winter months.

Benefits of this project are many: It raises the profile of Rotary, helps engage with the local communities, and encourages clubs to work together, with the potential for attracting new members. In 2021 'Wrap Up UK' initiative will be organised between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Clubs/clusters may choose a collection period of 2 to 3 weeks within this campaign period. Only warm coats for men, women and children will be collected. All marketing material, including the branded collection boxes, bags, leaflets etc. would be provided to the participating clubs. It is important for clubs to register their interest before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Average cost per club, based on a cluster size of 6 to 7 clubs is around £100 per club

For further information and how to get involved in this initiative please contact Swati Mukherjee (Bolton Lever Rotary) at [mukherjee.sashwati31@gmail.com](mailto:mukherjee.sashwati31@gmail.com) or Linda Mullins (Stockport- Lampighter Rotary) at [ldmullins@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ldmullins@yahoo.co.uk)

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#### Footwear Poverty Campaign 2022



We had a tremendous success of the Footwear Poverty Campaign in 2020, where over 40 Rotary Clubs in the District worked hard to find ways to overcome the Covid pandemic restrictions and collected in excess of 8,000 pairs of shoes for the Shoe Aid UK charity. It is estimated that 200,000 homeless people in the UK lack proper footwear and that four million children need fit for purpose shoes. Hence several clubs have expressed interest to undertake this project once again. One of the ideas that is being considered is for the Rotary clubs to reach out to their local schools during February /March, attend school assemblies to promote the importance of repurposing footwear and emphasising the environmental consequences of discarding footwear.

Research suggests that 149 million pairs and up in the landfill sites each year that can take over 100 years to biodegrade. School children will be asked to collect footwear for a week, from their families and friends, prior to the school summer holidays (June/July) or on their return to school in the new academic year in September 2022.

For further information and how to get involved in this initiative please contact Swati Mukherjee (Bolton Lever Rotary) at [mukherjee.sashwati31@gmail.com](mailto:mukherjee.sashwati31@gmail.com)

#### LAPTOPS4 SCHOOLS supports children based in the North West of England



A significant feature of the national response to the Covid-19 lockdowns has been the need to hold teaching sessions on line. This has been hampered by the lack of devices available to children, particular in homes with several children, and those from deprived families.

Rotary's Laptops4Schools initiative aims to tackle one important part of this problem by donating recycled laptop computers to school children. It also entails a significant environmental benefit by reducing the disposal of unwanted laptops into the waste stream. Pollution is averted and the demand for scarce materials is reduced.

People are encouraged to donate unused and used laptops/tablets etc., which are cleaned, reset and made ready for distribution to schools as required. Average budget: £200 £300 per club. Visit website: [www.laptops4schools.org.uk](http://www.laptops4schools.org.uk).

For further information and how to get involved in this initiative please contact Christopher Hill (Turton Rotary) at [chris.hill@googlemail.com](mailto:chris.hill@googlemail.com)

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#### Christmas Card Project:

'A Christmas card can bring happiness to the elderly'. This project links the local Primary Schools with the local Care Homes. The project would consist of each Rotary Club identifying Primary School(s) and Care Home(s) within their area/cluster that would want to be involved in the project.

It would consist of the Care Home providing the 'first name' of their residents and for the Primary School(s) students to draw a Christmas picture and make a personal message to a resident at their designated local Care Home, on a pre-printed Rotary branded Christmas card. Only a very small budget is required to deliver this project.

For further information and how to get started in your club/cluster, please contact Gaynor Winstanley (Rotary St Helens) at [gaynor.winstanley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gaynor.winstanley@blueyonder.co.uk)

#### Medicine Blister Pack Recycling



Clubs/clusters can now recycle medicine blister packs, by joining the Terracycle Medicine

Packet Recycling Programme - 'Little Packs, Big Impact' initiative.

Recycling innovators TerraCycle specialises in finding recycling solutions for waste which are considered "non-recyclable". This is a simple budget free project, where members and their friends and families can recycle any empty prescription and over-the-counter medicine blister packets, simply and freely, by dropping them in dedicated bins in their local participating pharmacy. The empty blister packaging are then converted into reusable raw materials and new products, using a unique recycling process, thereby preventing blister packs spending a lifetime in landfill.

By collecting empty blister packs and taking them to the participating pharmacies (e.g. Superdrugs), TerraCycle UK will donate points, that can be redeemed as financial donations, for schools and charities, relative to the weight of the stuff that is provided by the club. <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/>

TerraCycle interactive map for participating pharmacies.

#### Wishing All a Successful Rotary Year 2021-2022

Dr Swati Mukherjee  
Rotary District 1285  
District Governor Nominee (N)

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## SUPPORT DOGS

A reminder to collect stamps for Support Dogs.

The info. on Support Dogs re. stamp collecting will be found on

[www.supportdogs.org.uk](http://www.supportdogs.org.uk) The stamps have to be cut off the envelope leaving a 1cm. border approx.

## Birthdays

### August

11<sup>th</sup> Julie Chapman

12<sup>th</sup> Jitu Ruia

19<sup>th</sup> George Osundiya

21<sup>st</sup> Bill Laidlaw

### September

2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Chapman

3<sup>rd</sup> Derek Evans

9<sup>th</sup> Hugh Barrett

29<sup>th</sup> Roy Chisnall

17<sup>th</sup> Royston Flude

## CLUB TIES

We have some Manchester Club Centenary Ties still available .

Anyone wishing to buy a new one or to replace an old one please contact, either President Derek or Secretary Peter.

The discounted price is £10 each.



## How to stay safe online

Humberside Police issue advice on how to protect yourself on digital devices and social media.

### Steps you can take include:

Ensure the privacy settings on your profile as high as possible, so that only your friends can see your posts, pictures and details.

Never disclose private information such as your phone number, pictures of your home, your address or birthday. This applies to your posts and your profile

Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know. Some online criminals use this as a means of phishing or finding blackmail or sexual offences victims.

Don't do anything you're not comfortable with.

Remember that once a post or photo has been shared, you no longer have control of it. Don't post photos or comments that could end up causing you issues in the future. If you wouldn't want your mum to see it, don't post it.

If you're concerned about something you have seen online, call our non-emergency 101 line or speak to your local officer.

## Up and Coming Events

Links to zoom events will be emailed to you

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP – Thurs July 1 18:00–19:00

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs July 18 18:00-19:00  
Project Discussion

CLUB COUNCIL ON ZOOM – All Welcome  
Tuesday July 13 18:00 – 19:00

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs July 22 18:00-19:00  
PDG & Club member Graham Jackson MPHF  
The history of Paul Harris Fellowship recognition

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs August 26 18:00-19:00  
District 1285, AG Marian Basu – The World of Bees

FELLOWSHIP – Thurs Sept 2 Tang's Restaurant

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Sept 23 18:00-19:00  
DG 1285 Eric Russell – Rotary The Way Forward

FELLOWSHIP – Thurs Oct 7 Aspire Restaurant

FELLOWSHIP – Thurs Nov 4 Lebanese Restaurant

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Nov 25 18:00-19:00  
Jyotika Virmani

FELLOWSHIP – Wed Dec 1 Xmas Dinner 18:30  
The Hough End Centre



Keep watching the website to find out about more Zoom events and meetings and when our regular meetings will return to Manchester Hall.

### Club Meeting Info

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

**Place: Manchester Hall**

**36 Bridge Street, Manchester,**

**M3 2BT**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

### Rotary Club of Manchester Team 2021-2022

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TBA

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Robin Graham PHF

#### Vocational

Julie Chapman PHF

#### Executive Secretary

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#### Secretary

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#### Community

Julie Chapman PHF

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