ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER



OCTOBER 2021

NEWSLETTER



From our President Roy Chapman

In recent weeks we have enjoyed some sun. Today as I type this, what a contrast! Outside it is raining, heavily. Watching it fall, I am reminded that the leaves of trees will soon turn to varied shades of gold and brown. I also think of the many garden jobs that need doing in the Autumn – I really must stop watching Gardeners' World. I feel guilty that, unlike many during the pandemic I have not been able to find additional time to devote to my garden. Still, one thing remains constant, my lovely chocolate Labrador bitch, 'Maisy', lying by my feet. As the dullness of autumn and the cold of winter looms, we as a Nation may looking forward to a changing and challenging time – as we recover more from Covid 19. However, across our fractured World, Rotarians will deal with the consequences of Covid 19. Edmund Burke said "to love the little platoon we belong to in society is the first link in the series by which we proceed to a love of our country and of mankind".

Rotary is founded on a love of humankind and the belief that living a full life means giving something back as an active member of Society. However, the challenges the UK now faces means that the call upon the help Rotarians can give to individuals and groups will increase. As a Club we will need to meet those challenges.

To do so, the major personal challenge the Club faces is ensuring we attract new Members - we must grow membership. When I was President in 2010 membership stood at about 55. It is now only 28. The other challenge is to retain existing Members and inspire them to become involved in and assist with Club activities. The key to both challenges is successful projects.

In this issue are articles on some of our projects. I commend them to you. Please publicise what we do to friends, work colleagues, local community groups – in fact anybody. Some who read about our efforts may become Friends of Rotary or even decide to join.

Roy, President

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Up and Coming

TAKE ACTION: Rotary Club of Manchester

Zoom September Fellowship - September 2, 2021

With more than 18 months passing before finally being able to meet face to face, it was abundant excitement that 21 of us were finally able to gather for a fellowship evening at Tang's Restaurant in Cheadle Hulme.





Reflecting on the past, it was 18 months ago, just before Covid hit us that we went to Tang's. Nothing has changed, the food and service were excellent. We worked our way through the starters of sesame prawn toast, spring rolls and spareribs. Next was Crispy Duck followed by Sizzling steak, seabass, and sweet and sour chicken. To finish we had a lovely plateful of fresh fruit. Excellent! A special thank you to Indra for arranging the evening. Roger Walker



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More from Fellowship from Tangs



Thanks to the fellowship team Barbara and Roger. Hope to see everyone at the next face to face fellowship at Aspire Restaurant on October 6th.

Who was there?

Jan Abbott

Julie and Roy Chapman with their friends Julie and Tony Zajac

Derek Evans

Hem and Indra Gupta

Peter Hartley

Joan Johnstone

Ernie Metcalfe

Mavis Pittway

Barbara Rosenthal

Jitu Ruia

Sheila and Alan Small

Chris and Roger Walker

Gillian Webb

Hazel and Peter West

The Birthday Boys

It was President Roy's birthday which he celebrated with us as well as PP Derek Evans birthday the following day.



President Roy asked for members to bring a food donation for Mustard Tree and many brought bags of food as well as receiving a cash donation from David Andrew who was unable to attend. More info on this later in the newsletter.

Rotary Club of Manchester Tang's Restaurant

MENU

Sesame Prawn Toast, Spring Rolls
Barbecued Spareribs
Aromatic Crispy Duck
Sizzling Fillet Steak with green pepper in Black

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Sweet and sour chicken

Sweet and sour chicken
Steamed Seabass with Ginger and Spring
Onions

Fried Rice, Soft Noodles with Beansprout

ROTARY CLUB MEETING -AUGUST 26, 2021 FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS



Our meeting on August 26th, featured information about the many scams now taking place.

As we were let down by a speaker the day before the planned meeting on August 26th we ran a video made by the NatWest Bank entitled "Friends Against Scams" Here is the internet link to view full video: -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0h252WohL50&ab channel= NatWest

It gave some quite alarming statistics of current scams -which have escalated since the pandemic started. The attached slides give some idea of the scale of the problem – which often targets the senior members of the population

It gave much food for thought and not to believe all that these scammers say to try and either get information, steal money, or attempt to take over people's computers to remove money from their bank accounts!

Some people put too much information on Facebook that gives the scammer information about you – such things as birthdays, family members, holidays etc. The pandemic has meant many more people buy off the internet and emails purporting to be from courier companies advising they attempted to deliver a parcel but no one there, so they need a payment fee to redeliver. The emails may look genuine, but one needs to look at the email address of the sender – That usually confirms it is a scammer!

Sadly, it taught us that we all must be very alert to avoid being scammed and money taken from hard earned monies or pensions in our bank accounts

Peter Hartley



ROTARY CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 MUSTARD TREE LAURA BURTON



Laura Burton - Mustard Tree

Highlights from the Presentation







Over the past 18 months we have read much about the impacts of Covid 19 on employment, jobs, families etc.

This has made life worse for people on low salaries, has increased unemployment and has impacted badly on the income of many charities. Amongst these are those which deal with homelessness and support people and families struggling with poverty. Amongst the latter is the Mustard Tree. Our Club used to have a link with this wonderful charity, which is located on Oldham Road, right in the centre of our area, see: https://mustardtree.org.uk/

After a lapse, we have now renewed this link. I would like this to be a long term, sustaining, link, so we can build a true partnership with the Mustard Tree over he next few years. Hopefully we can achieve much together. In future the plan is to collect items that the Mustard Tree uses on a regular basis in its food bank, including:

Tea Coffee Sugar

Varieties of tinned fruits

Varieties of tinned vegetables Varieties of tinned meats and fish Pot noodles

Pasta and rice

Biscuits – but NOT custard creams or Rich Tea (these are well sourced by a supporting organisation) Snacks and cereal bars

Pet food (dog and cat)

Varieties of Toiletries.

Female personal hygiene items

The Mustard Tree does NOT need baked beans, or soups – as they already receive ample donations of these.

They also collect other things to help with poverty, homelessness – such as clothes, furniture, and utensils.

Roy Chapman

ROTARY CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2021 DG 1285 ERIC RUSSELL - ROTARY THE WAY FORWARD



Our September 23rd Zoom meeting featured DG Eric Russell giving a talk titled "Rotary - The Way Forward"

Eric has been a member of Rotary for 15 years and he realises the many challenges facing the Rotary Club. He reminded us of the new strategic plan that will provide a framework for the future.

The new vision statement for the Rotary Club is:

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

He explained to us how the Rotary Club plans on implementing this vision, through four objectives.

ROTARY'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participantcentered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making

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DG Russell made many suggestions on achieving these goals. These included:

- Do more projects
- Deliver as many projects as possible reminding us that "more we can do; more we can grow"
- Attract local and corporate members
- Set goals
- Work collaboratively with other clubs and organisations
- Be open to different member so varying ages, gender, and diversity
- Public image is important
- Include photos of people doing things
- Consider other types if clubs and structures e-clubs, hybrid clubs, Rotaract, district passport club, ways of meeting, different ways of becoming members, satellite groups
- Look after existing members, allow people to develop themselves, offer training opportunities, use both Zoom and face to face, have fun
- Empower women and girls
- Move forward, do not go back



Screenshots of some members at the meeting.



ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER PROJECTS

International Projects

WOW



Robin Graham Others: Dale, A'Dell

Supporting the community of Fievie Ghana – hygiene, women, children

UPDATE: Dale, Julie, and Robin met on Sept 28 to watch a webinar on menstrual poverty from the Foundation for Social Improvement



Presentation of £500 to WOW Water Project

Operation Florian



Roy Chapman Actions are underway to restart the project in Lebanon, following an enforced halt because of Covid 19, working with both the Beirut Metropolitan Fire Service and the Lebanese Civil Defence.

Community Projects – Ongoing

Wood Street Mission



Peter Hartley Others: Graham A charity with a history that dates from 1869. It was established to help 'street children' and today, 152 years later its primary aim is still to help children living in poverty. We will be working with Wood Street in various ways to help with their efforts.





UPDATE: A cheque for £500 was presented to Wood Street Mission.

Presentation to Wood Street Mission and Thank You Letter.

Projects continued the next page



Community Projects – Ongoing - continued

Mustard Tree



Julie Chapman Others: Alia The Mustard Tree works to relieve poverty and combat homelessness. We are supporting their foodbank and other efforts.

UPDATE: Items collected for Mustard Tree at the Fellowship at Tang's, were taken to Mustard Tree by Julie and Roy. "It will be no surprise that the demands on the Mustard Tree have increased during the pandemic. The demands on the charity have increased recently with the influx of Afghan refugees. They are helping with this in addition to their usual activities." Roy



Club Donations from Tang's Fellowship collection

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North Manchester Garden project



Ernie Metcalfe

A group of locals in Harpurhey are working to develop a community garden. They have made much progress, and we wish to work with them to bring the project to a conclusion, to ensure that what was once wasteland is serves as a community asset for years ahead.

UPDATE: Wednesday 8th Sept, I met Tracey Enright-Toukram at Baytree Children's Garden. This was created 25 years ago with lottery money as a children's garden /play area, and it is owned by the Baytree Residents Association. It measures approximately 30 yards by 50 yards. It fell into bad repair and being open was regularly used by drug addicts and alcoholics and was quite unfit for children. The drug dealers have recently been moved on by the police. The residents decided to restore the garden to its original purpose. There are 20 – 25 children aged from 5 years to 12 years old who now regularly go in under adult supervision. It is kept locked when the children are not there to keep out undesirables. It is used primarily as a play area now, but some horticulture or gardening could come later. To complete the restoration an artist has been commissioned to paint a mural explaining that this area is only for children, and various other notices. This work will take about five days at a cost of £500. They are looking for funds for this. It is impressive the way the local community has taken back this facility and have done the restoration work themselves. They feel this artwork is essential to emphasise what the garden is, who it is designed for and to deter undesirables. Any contribution from us would, I think, have a lasting effect. *Ernie*

Community Projects – Ongoing - continued

Environment



Everyone See club website for more info This has been adopted as an Area of Focus. In our Club it will become a key focus of efforts over the next few years. We are launching low level projects to support recycling – not least of plastic. Hope fully other projects will evolve.

UPDATE: Julie and Roy are collecting the following.

Empty medicine packs (tablet trays/blister packs) – we take these to Super Drug who have a recycling partnership with TerraCycle, see: https://www.superdrug.com/dgfs/waste-recycling and https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/medicine-packet-uk. For every blister packet collected, Teracycle will donate points to Superdrug pharmacies to be redeemed into financial donations towards Marie Curie.

Plastic bottle tops – washed and clean. These go to the Plastic Shed in Stockport, who recycle them into various plastic products and run workshops (for adults and children), see: https://www.plasticshed.org/

This **collecting/recycling** is a small effort for us, and a contribution to our wider environmental aims – now one of the Rotary Area of Focus – see https://www.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus

Manchester Communication Academy

Others: Ernie We are developing ways we can work with the school. A very special project within the school is Take 2 – the school's project for difficult pupils.

Francis House



Graham Jackson Festival of Trees Francis House provides the tree and lights, and we choose a theme and decorate the tree. The trees are then auctioned off and funds raised for Francis House. More details to follow.



UPDATE: "When I have the date allocated for dressing the tree, I will advise the Members to ascertain who wishes to come to The Lowry to help. When I have done this before, we found maybe 4 or 5 maximum was needed. It was always a good fellowship" Graham

Some examples of trees from previous years

Royal British Legion



Julie Chapman Others: Roy Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Organisers for south Manchester. The need for the RBL is still extensive – the recent news from Afghanistan and its aftermath highlighting those needs.

Support Dogs

Derek Evans Stamp Collection A reminder to collect stamps for Support Dogs. The information on Support Dogs re. stamp collecting will be found on www.supportdogs.org.uk The stamps have to be cut off the envelope leaving a 1cm. border approx.

UPDATE: Many of you will remember the Zoom presentation we had from Tess Thompson of Support Dogs. This was one of PP Derek's chosen charities. So, on Thursday August 26th I took Derek to Sheffield to their headquarters where he presented a cheque for £500. We first met Tess at their offices and a couple of dogs and then she took us to see three puppies in training at a local park.

This charity was founded in 1992 and now has a staff of 30 including 20 full time dog trainers. It takes two years to train a dog which then has a working life of about 6 years. The dogs are mainly Labradors, but several other breeds are also used. They are sourced either as puppies from recognised breeders or are suitable rescue dogs.

Some dogs are trained to help amputees, stroke victims, MS sufferers and the like to make independent living possible. They learn to pick up objects, open doors, fetch and carry and even load washing machines. Another group are trained to help autistic children and provide essential companionship and often necessary calming presence. The third group make up the seizure alert programme. They sense seizures about to happen and alert the sufferer in advance. This greatly reduces the number of seizures and is a very big safety aid. These support dogs make a significant and sometimes life-changing difference to the people they are linked to, and it is well deserving of our support.

Ernie Metcalfe









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Club Projects

Rotaract and	Royston	We hope to resurrect the Rotaract Club of Manchester
Interact	Flude	International, which was sponsored and founded by our
		Club, but which has been dormant for the past 2 years.
		Also, we hope to start the processes necessary to
		establish an Interact Club.

Rotary	Bill	Recognized as one of the most effective and well-
Foundation	Laidlaw	managed charitable organizations in the world. The
Fundraising	Graham	Foundation is helping Rotarians do good in the world.
	Jackson	The Manchester Club will be making a major
		contribution to Rotary Foundation in 2021-2022.

UPDATE:

ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

FUNDRAISING WHISKY TASTING for THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Sample a tantalising collection of 3 Scottish whiskies
In your home with your friends from Rotary MANCHESTER

Thursday 6th January 2022- 7.00pm ~ £20 per ticket (includes a free raffle ticket for a bottle of whisky)

A presentation box of 3 miniatures per ticket will be provided in advance You'll learn about the 3 fascinating different whisky expressions.

To book a ticket please email your host for the evening – Graham Jackson <u>Distsec1285@yahoo.com</u>

We need your help

Please join one or several of these projects and invite others to join in as well.

You do not have to be a member of the Rotary Club to help with one of our many projects.

NOTICES

Fund Raising

Charity Draw - Next Draw in October

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

July Charity Draw Winners

The winners were: Mavis Pittway £150 Christine Walker £50.

Next draw will be in OCTOBER

Club Charity Donations

June/July/August 2021 £21/month Plan International £2550 Christie Bike Ride £1000 Rotary Foundation £500 Mustard Tree

£500. Wood Street Mission

£500 Support Dogs

£250 Cruse Bereavement

To donate to the Beirut Disaster

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



Presentation of Cheque to Cruse Bereavement







Venice, 5-7 November 2021

Molino Stucky Hilton Hotel

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Christie Hospital Bike Ride Donation

The final act of Michael Metcalfe's bike ride from Lands' End to John O'Groats was the gift of £3000 to The Christie Hospital. This was presented to Professor Bloor at the hospital by Michael and his father Ernie.

It was decided to give this to the haematological department because Ernie had received treatment from Professor Bloor before he could have his hip operation. The professor will come and speak to us about his work when we have proper meetings again.

President Roy, PP Derek and Secretary Peter were also in attendance, but hospital rules restricted them to the waiting room area. Once again, many thanks for all the support for this project.

Ernie Metcalfe



Wood Street Mission SmartStart

Help a local child to fit in and achieve at school

by donating school uniform, sports kit and stationery



1 VOOD 26 Wood Street STREET Manchester M3 3EF Reabbook WoodStreetMission Facebook WoodStreetMission on 0161 834 3140

Help them start smart at woodstreetmission.org.uk

SmartStart aims to help alleviate the pressures families face at an expensive time of year.

SmartStart enables children from low income families to fit in and achieve at school. To be able to provide this support, we need...

New Socks & Underwear New Footwear PE & Sports Kit Shirts, Blouses Polo Shirts Sweatshirts & Jumpers Trousers & Skirts Winter Coats
Hats, Scarves & Gloves
Stationery
Drinks Bottles
Lunchboxes
School Bags
Rucksacks

All donations can be dropped off with us Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 4.30pm or if you need to arrange a collection please email all of your details including contact telephone number to collections@woodstreetmission.org.uk.

If you think you may need help through the SmartStart project, please give us a call on 0161 834 3140 or visit our website for further details. All of our services are free for registered families to access.

Birthdays

October

9th Alia Arif

November

December

1st Roger Walker 2nd John Gavan

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 IPP 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

FELLOWSHIP - Thurs Oct 7 Aspire Restaurant

CLUB COUNCIL ON ZOOM - All Welcome Tuesday Oct 12 18:00 - 19:00

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Oct 14 18:00-19:00

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Oct 21 18:00-19:00 Club Projects

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Oct 28 18:00-19:00 Ken Nixon Pres RC of Belfast - Life after 33 years on the

FELLOWSHIP - Thurs Nov 4 Lebanese Restaurant

CLUB COUNCIL ON ZOOM - All Welcome Tuesday Nov 9 18:00 - 19:00

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Nov 11 18:00-19:00 **TBA**

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

FELLOWSHIP - Thurs. Dec 2 Xmas Dinner 18:30 Aspire Restaurant

FELLOWSHIP - Thurs. Jan 6 2022 Whiskey Tasting

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Jan 27 2022 18:00-19:00 President Anthony Chick-RC of Carnforth - "Rotakids"



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



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