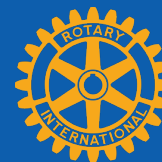


# ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021



## *From our President Roy Chapman*



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***Roy, President***

***See the full message from the president later in the newsletter.***

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# November Fellowship – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Loona Restaurant

Our November Fellowship took place at the Lebanese Restaurant Loona in Cheadle Hulme.



### 4<sup>th</sup> November Menu Loona Restaurant

#### Starters (based on sharing meze)

##### Hummus

The famous east Mediterranean dip based on processed chickpeas folded in tahini paste with a hint of lemon and olive oil.

##### Orient Chicken Wings

Succulent chicken wings marinated in our levant house blend of herbs; charcoal grilled to absolute tenderness

##### Fattoush

A medley of garden herbs, cucumbers, tomatoes, green bell peppers, all folded in herbal vinaigrette dressing and crowned with diced pita flakes

##### Meat Burak

Filo pastry stuffed with a meaty texture of minced lamb. Lightly fried.

#### Main course

##### Lebanese s Chicken Kebab

Lebanese kebab style based on orient herbs and garden herbs & a house blend of condiments grilled to absolute tenderness. All our plates are garnished with chips or vermicelli rice and side dips.



**More on the next page**

## More from Fellowship at Loona



### Who was there?

Julie and Roy Chapman  
Derek Evans  
Robin Graham  
Peter Hartley  
Joan Johnstone  
Ernie Metcalfe  
Dale McAulay and Ian Kane  
Mavis Pittway  
Barbara Rosenthal  
Chris and Roger Walker  
Gillian Webb  
Hazel and Peter West  
Goran Begonja



# Christmas 2021 Fellowship - December 2nd, 2021

## Aspire Restaurant



Our first Christmas Fellowship since lockdown took place at the Aspire Restaurant which is run by Trafford College. The excellent food and atmosphere were enjoyed by members of the Rotary Club of Manchester along with members of other Rotary Clubs also in attendance.

### Rotary Club of Manchester Fellowship Christmas Dinner Menu

#### Starters

Chowder of cauliflower

Charred corn & roast red pepper, cheese twist (v)

Or

Lightly smoked duck breast

Red wine and rosemary risotto, aromatic dressing

Or

Home cured salmon gravadlax

Mustard & dill dressing, petit herb salad

Or

Blue cheese & gruyere soufflé

chicory, apple & hazelnut salad, classic vinaigrette

#### Main course

Roast Cheshire turkey

roast vegetables & potatoes, fig & walnut stuffing & proper gravy

Or

Assiette of fish 'bouillabaisse'

pomme puree, soured mushrooms, soft herbs & steamed mussels

Or

Pan fried potato & ricotta Gnocchi

Fricassee of peas & autumnal mushrooms, courgette & sage puree (v)

Or

Chargrilled 8oz sirloin steak

Thick cut chips, roast tomato, flat mushroom & peppercorn sauce

#### Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and mandarin jam

Or

Iced cassata with raspberry compote and cream

Chantilly

Or

Chocolate & hazelnut praline mousse with poached pear



*More on the next page*

## More from the Christmas Fellowship



Thanks to the fellowship team Barbara and Roger.  
Hope to see everyone at the next fellowship!

## President's Christmas Message

### ***From the President – Christmas Best wishes***

Our former President Eddie Newcomb was an expert of Charles Dickens, who is particularly linked with Christmas. In 1870, Theodore Watts-Dunton related the story of how, as he was walking down Drury Lane near Covent Garden Market on June 9th that year, he overheard a Cockney barrow-girl's reaction to the news of the great novelist's death: "Dickens dead? Then will Father Christmas die too?" More than any other author, Dickens revived the Christmas traditions which had nearly died out across Britain.

Although Dickens celebrated the festival of Christ's birth in numerous works, it is '*A Christmas Carol*', published on 19 December 1843, that has preserved the Christmas customs of olde England. It has fixed our image of the holiday season as one of wind, ice, and snow, piping hot turkey, and family cheer, an idealised memory of a Christmas gathering of the family which "bound together all our home enjoyments, affections and hopes".

### **Why and where did our Christmas traditions come from?**

- 1) Christmas carols were first introduced by St Francis of Assisi
- 2) Christmas Puddings originated as a Celtic dish called 'frumenty'.
- 3) The Victorians believed that it was unlucky to cut a Christmas cake before dawn on Christmas Eve.
- 4) For good luck, one should eat a mince pie every day of the 12 days of Christmas (a suggestion I happily adopt!).
- 5) Julie and I will sit down to watch the Queen's Royal Christmas Message, first televised in 1957, as successor to the radio broadcasts, started in 1932 by Her Majesty's grandfather, King George V.
- 6) The Christmas cards we send each other often bear testimony to the pervasive influence of the Dickensian Christmas. The first developed Christmas cards also came in 1843, when Englishman Sir Henry Cole, always too busy to write proper letters to his friends at Christmas time, commissioned John Calcott Horsley of the Royal Academy of Arts to develop a decorated hasty-note. He then commissioned two batches totaling 2,050 cards, which were sold for a shilling each. It was not until the 1880s that the general production of commercial Christmas cards began in England. In Victorian England those cards were delivered by red-uniformed Postmen, who were popularly called 'robins'. However, they no longer deliver on Christmas morning! This Christmas, despite the internet, millions of cards will be circulated around the World, having a huge environmental impact. Please do recycle them and there are many ways to do so. For example, put them in the usual waste paper bin (check some types cannot be recycled), and both Sainsbury's and Morrisons are operating recycling schemes this year, with the proceeds supporting charities.
- 7) Each year some 34-36 MILLION 'real' Christmas trees are produced. If you have a real one, please re-cycle yours. The Christmas tree, which Dickens termed "that pretty German toy", was introduced into England by Queen Victoria's consort, Prince Albert, in December 1840. The tree, lit by candles still in European countries, complemented the holly and mistletoe that the Anglo-Saxons introduced in Britain in the fifth century as part of the mid-winter festival. Before Prince Albert's innovation, better-off English homes had used the "kissing bough" as the main decoration for the season. Two hoops were joined to make a globe, decorated with greenery, oranges, and apples, and, of course, mistletoe. By the way, also, please do recycle your Christmas tree.
- 8) We have all heard the wonderful Bing Crosby sing 'White Christmas'. According to the Met Office, England has enjoyed few white Christmases in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Thus, as we experience this currently wet December, some Christmas weather statistics, the warmest Christmas Days have been in 1896 and 1920, with a temperature of 15.6 degrees C (in Edinburgh and Devon); the coldest was in 1878, with minus 18.3 degree C in Gainford, Co. Durham; and finally, the deepest snow on Christmas Day was in 1981 with 47cm in Perthshire.

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### ***President's message continued***

- 1) Children Worldwide will await the visit by Santa Claus, Father Christmas. Originally, St Nicholas (Bishop of Myra, in what is now Turkey, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century), his feast day is 6<sup>th</sup> December. St Nicholas was said to bring sweets and presents for well-behaved children. That tradition evolved into the overweight red coated gentleman of today.

The Anglo Saxons called December the 'Yule month', the time when the yule log was burned. It became the 'Heligh month' (Holy month) after their conversion to Christianity. Thus, Christmas, the Mass of Christ, celebrates the birth of Jesus.

We shared a little of the fellowship of the family of Rotary on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, when we held our joint Christmas event.

### **The Joint Rotary in Manchester Christmas Meal**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we repeated a tradition started some years ago, when 32 Rotarians, Inner Wheelers and friends from our own Club, Manchester Breakfast, and the Founder Inner Wheel Club of Manchester, enjoyed an excellent evening at Aspire. We had a tasty, dinner, provided by John and his team of hard-working students. There was an interesting quiz drawn up by Jackie of the Breakfast Club. Overall, it was a super evening, relaxed, informal and an excellent way to launch December.

Sadly, it was also the last event that will be attended by our excellent Editor and her husband Ian. They will soon be departing Manchester for the sunnier climate of Nice. I want to record our collective thanks to Dale for her work on the Newsletter – and in the other ways she has supported the Club. We wish Dale and Ian much happiness in their new life in the South of France.

### **Let us recall the words of Charles Dickens;**

*'Nearer and closer to our hearts be the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of active usefulness, perseverance, cheerful discharge of duty, kindness and forbearance!'* — Charles Dickens, "What Christmas Is as We Grow Older," 1851

However, we should not forget the fundamental core of the Christmas message, of peace and goodwill to all. Also, in this great City, there will be many for whom Christmas is a time of loneliness, and further deprivation. The contrast is made worse by the excessive materialism and consumerism of TV. For many, 'home enjoyments, affections and hopes' are sadly lacking at Christmas. Sadly, in this secular, material, age, the fundamental themes of Christmas are lost in obsessive spending, over-eating and excessive drinking. In Rotary, across the World, and here in Manchester, we can redress a little of that 'commercial insanity'

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***President Club of Manchester, Roy Chapman***



# ROTARY CLUB MEETING – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

## PRESIDENT ROY CHAPMAN

### REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our meeting on October 11th, featured our President Roy Chapman giving his insights into the importance of Remembrance Day.

#### The Royal British Legion by Roy Chapman

For 100 years the Royal British Legion has been helping serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

From those who served in the First World War to the men and women of our Armed Forces today, the Legion believes no one should suffer from having served others.



The Royal British Legion has been celebrating its 100th Anniversary throughout 2021 with a special programme of activity, paying tribute to those who have contributed to its history and celebrating with the communities across the UK and around the world who are at its heart.

#### Background

The British Legion was founded on 15 May 1921, when representatives of the four national organisations of ex-Servicemen came together at the Cenotaph. Born in the aftermath of the First World War, the charity's founding mission was to fight for the rights of those who had given so much and come back to so little.

The 2020 Poppy Appeal was greatly restricted by Covid 19 and so this year the drive is on to collect as much as possible to provide vital funds for the Legion's work. As we reflect on the achievements of the Royal British Legion over the last 100 years, the organisation stands ready to support the next generation. **Roy**



ROTARY CLUB MEETING – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021  
DR JYOTIKA VIRMANI  
EXPLORING THE WONDERFUL WORLD BEYOND OUR COASTLINE



The Zoom meeting on Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>, featured our guest speaker, Dr Jyotika Virmani. With many members and guests in attendance, Jyotika gave a brief recap of her journey from Manchester to Los Angeles, where she spoke from, which began with the Ambassadorial Scholarship provided by the Rotary Club of Manchester. She is now the first Executive Director of the Schmidt Ocean Institute.

Highlights from the Presentation

Jyotika gave us a brief outline of her path that led to her current position as Executive Director of the Schmidt Ocean Institute and then she shared some of the incredible discoveries and findings that the Schmidt Ocean Institute has made from its research vessel *Falkor* over the last two years. These included:

The longest known sea creature, a siphonophore, which was discovered in the Ningaloo Canyons in the Indian Ocean off Australia in April 2020. It is a 45m long spaghetti-like creature. On the other end of the size spectrum, she also showed a photograph of a 1cm long pygmy sea horse which was seen in the Coral Sea near the Great Barrier Reef.

Photos:

Top – largest sea creature – 45 m

Bottom – seahorse – 1 cm – look closely

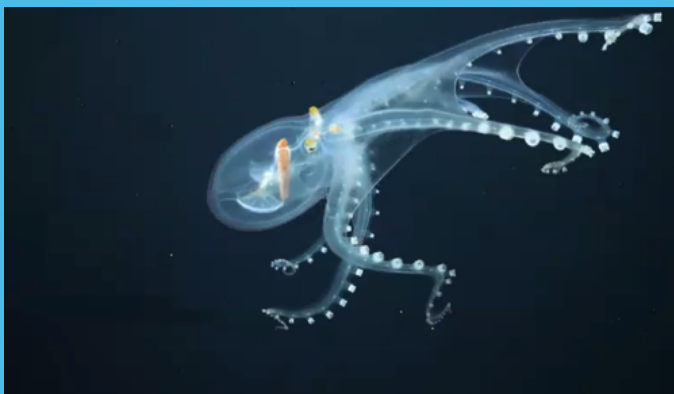


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Only 20.6% of the sea floor has been mapped to a high resolution, so with so much of the world yet to be mapped, it's not too surprising that new discoveries are being made every day. In October 2020, those aboard *Falkor* were mapping the northern edge of the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and found a 500m tall new detached coral reef on the GBR ledge. The first discovery like this in this part of the world in 120 years. And it turns out to be a very healthy reef.



The Schmidt Ocean Institute is a partner of an international program to map the sea floor called Seabed 2030. In honour of this, the *Falkor* was the first vessel on 1 January that was actively mapping to greet in the New Year. This year, 2021, is a special year for the ocean community globally because it is the first year of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The Schmidt Ocean Institute is also founding member of the Ocean Decade Alliance and Jyotika signed a partnership with the UN last December on this. She is also co-Chair of the Ocean Decade Technology & Innovation Working Group.

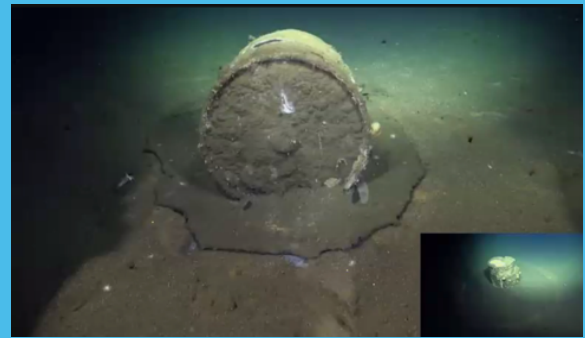


*Photo of Glass Octopus*

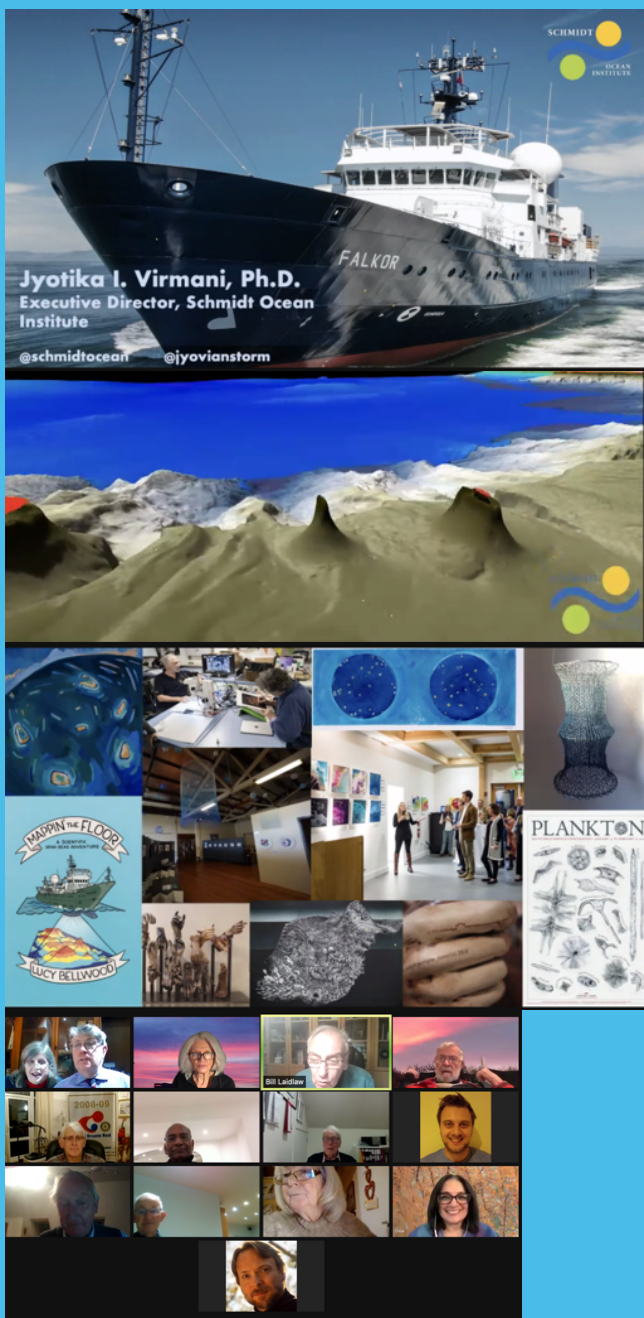
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Some of the other remarkable sightings included a Glass Octopus in the south Pacific, near the Phoenix Islands. This is a completely transparent creature and you can only see its internal organs. Unfortunately, the government of the Phoenix Islands recently announced they were going to remove the protection of the Phoenix Island Protected Area and allow commercial fishing interests to come in.

The Schmidt Ocean Institute were also working with scientists from southern California off the coast of the US a few weeks ago and managed to get images and samples of a DDT field. DDT was an insecticide that was used in the US decade ago and has since been banned as a potential cancer-causing chemical. The barrels were dumped off the coast of Los Angeles for about 30 years from the last 1940s onwards – out of sight, out of mind.



And finally, the Schmidt Ocean Institute purchased a new vessel, *Falkor (too)*, earlier this year. It is currently being refitted with scientific equipment and laboratories and will be replacing their current vessel. *Falkor (too)* is much larger and will begin sailing globally in the latter half of next year with scientists from around the world, to continue to add to the body of knowledge about the ocean.



## Special Donations



Our club would like to express thanks for the kind generosity of several of its members this month.

Indra and Hemu Gupta donated £5000 to our Charity Account of which £1000 was given to Rotary Foundation. They also donated £5000 to the charity account February 2021.

Top Photo – Indra and Peter  
Bottom Photo – Indra and Hemu



Bill Laidlaw has been collecting spare change in a jar. It totalled £25.81 and he kindly topped it up to £60 which has been donated to the Wood Street Mission on behalf of the Rotary Club of Manchester.

Many thanks to these incredible members for their donations.



## A Reminder of Club Meeting Structure

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - Fellowship face to face

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - a face to face or zoom meeting, visit to a project etc. of interest and relevant to the Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (or during the week) - a project meeting (face to face or online) or event

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - a face to face or zoom speaker meeting with a Rotary focus.

5<sup>th</sup> Thursday - a casual meeting or a walk (more ideas to follow)



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

# ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER PROJECTS

## International Projects

Covid is still inhibiting our international projects, but planning is still taking place.

### WOW



Robin  
Graham  
Others:  
Dale, A'Dell

Supporting the community of Fievie Ghana – hygiene, women, children  
**UPDATE:** A meeting is taking place soon to discuss a way forward after Covid.

### 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.

### Plan International



All club  
members

Every year, our club sponsors a little girl from the Geita area of Tanzania, to help with her education and future. We are currently helping Happy Juma Suma who turned 8 on March 4.  
Happy attends primary school. It takes approximately one and a half hours to reach school. Her favourite activity is drawing.  
It is reported that Happy has been healthy. The nearest health facility is about two hours away.

Projects continued the next page

## 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:** The generosity of our members was demonstrated with the many gifts donated for The Wood Street Mission Christmas Gift Drive. A donation of £500 was also made to put towards new school uniforms.



Some of the gift donations for Wood Street Mission from our Club members.

**We helped 3,180 children through SmartStart in 2021**

**SMARTSTART**  
Our SmartStart Appeal this year received over 3,000 referrals for help. A figure which wasn't entirely unexpected given the challenges of the last year.

When we help a family with SmartStart we're conscious that school uniform doesn't change the world but it will leave the playing field and help a child fit in, engage with education and break the cycle of poverty. Sadly, we know that many families have to make choices when it comes to buying school uniform. They have to cut back on day-to-day basics or get into debt which affects the quality of their lives. SmartStart aims to alleviate those worries.

We want to boost a child's self-esteem, give them confidence, a desire to engage with school and the opportunities it brings. Thanks to your help we were able to do that this year, on a bigger scale than ever.

We must say a special thank you to our SmartStart partners David Luke who once again were fantastic in dealing with our stock, orders and deliveries.

**Huge thanks to the team at Umbro who sent in a great supply of shoes and clothes along with lots and lots of school bags!**

**INSURING A SMARTSTART**  
In August, the staff at Esure held a fantastic collection of school uniform clothing, backpacks, sports bags and pinnacles for our SmartStart appeal.

Their generous donations made a huge difference to the local children who depend on this project for their school uniform and essentials for the new term. We want to say a massive thank you to everyone involved.

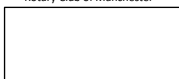
**Thank you to the members of the Worsley and Manchester Rotary Clubs who donated £1,000 to our SmartStart appeal**

A mention of our donation in the Wood Street Mission Newsletter.

*More on the update – Wood Street Mission – next page*



Rotary Club of Manchester



02 December 2021

Reference: 14171

Dear Peter and all the members of the Rotary Club of Manchester,

I am writing to say a huge thank you for your recent donation of £500 towards our SmartStart project. Your continued support for SmartStart helps us to provide local children with new uniform and school essentials, helping them to fit in with peers, engage with school and fulfil their potential. Your support goes a long way, and this year we were able to support 3,180 children with uniform, from 1,513 families in total – this is the largest number of families we have helped through SmartStart to date, which is a wonderful achievement.

We would also like to thank you all for your generous donations of gifts and toys towards our Christmas Appeal. It was fantastic to receive such a great selection of items for different age groups. Your help will enable us to support the thousands of families living in Manchester and Salford who struggle to make ends meet and have had a particularly tough year. They especially need our support during the expensive festive period. As you know, families have begun visiting our Christmas shop at Wood Street Mission this week to choose new gifts for each of their children to open on Christmas morning, plus extra goodies such as selection boxes and stocking fillers.

Last year our Christmas Appeal enabled us to help over 4,000 children, distributing some 12,500 toys. Since the charity began 152 years ago, we have been able to help hundreds of thousands of families at Christmas, so they can enjoy the festive season together.

We wouldn't be able to help without the generosity of supporters like yourselves. Your kind support will help struggling families at the end of another very tough year and help local children have a happy Christmas, like every child deserves.

Many thanks again for all your continued support. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Yours sincerely,

*Steph Edgar*

Steph Edgar

Fundraiser

0161 834 3261 / 07944 745 982 / [steph@woodstreetmission.org.uk](mailto:steph@woodstreetmission.org.uk)

HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SINCE 1869


Registered charity number: 1078337. Company Limited by Guarantee Reg. No. 3649322



Derek and Peter at Wood Street Mission delivering Christmas gifts and a cheque for £500. To the left is a thank you letter from Wood Street Mission.



## Community Projects – Ongoing - continued

<b>Mustard Tree</b> 	Julie Chapman Others: Alia	The Mustard Tree works to relieve poverty and combat homelessness. We are supporting their foodbank and other efforts.
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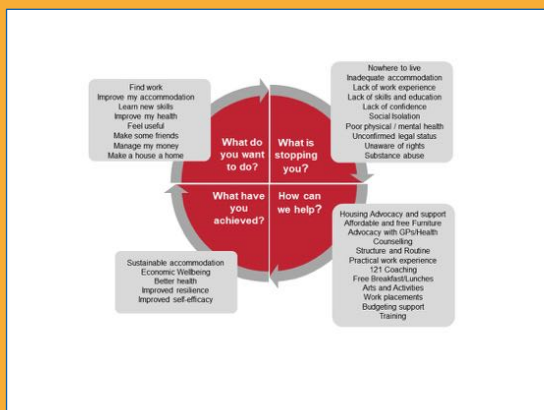
**UPDATE:** from Roy

**Rotary – rightly – claims we're for communities.** Across the UK, Ireland and the World, Rotary service projects enhance community development, strengthens those communities, creating opportunities for young and old.

A wonderful organisation **the Mustard Tree**. (<https://mustardtree.org.uk/>) does the same. In my year as President, it is great that the Rotary Club of Manchester and the Mustard Tree have been able to again work together.

From its always busy HQ on Oldham Road, Manchester, the Mustard Tree does not only work with people who are rough sleeping, but also tackles the causes as well as the consequences of homelessness. The Mustard Tree:

- Creates opportunities for people to help themselves through providing practical support, friendship, connections into paid employment, improvements to health and wellbeing plus new experiences to encourage aspiration.
- Increases access to health services, providing friendship, community and something meaningful to do, including creative activities such as art, music, drama and IT/Media resources. In so doing people's creatively, confidence, is increased.
- Helps people change their lives, secure better accommodation and economic wellbeing, backed up by help with budgeting and money management. Supports people with landlords to help retain their housing.
- Creates opportunities for people to help themselves through providing practical support, friendship, connections into work and improvements to health and wellbeing.
- Builds self-confidence and restores hope amongst some of the most disadvantaged and marginalised people across the City Region.



*More from Mustard Tree next page*



Dear Rotarians,

On behalf of all of us here at Mustard Tree, I would like to say a massive thank you to The Rotary Club of Manchester for your continued support. With your help we have been able to provide vital services to people facing multiple barriers during what continues to be another challenging year for many people across Greater Manchester. Without the support of our community partners, we couldn't continue meeting the growing demand for low-cost food, clothing, furniture, and advocacy.

With your help, we were able to provide a crisis response for families and individuals seeking asylum from the conflict in Afghanistan in September. We worked in partnership with MACC, to co-ordinate supporting people to access essential services, like child benefits, provided respite child support for parents and donated clothes, toys and food.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who got involved with our Harvest Festival appeal. Food donations have a huge impact on the charity, allowing us to stock our Food Clubs for our clients. Over the last three months Mustard Tree has provided 3,162 people with low-cost food. This has only been possible because of the support of individuals and Community groups, who donated to us!

In October, we also had the opportunity to celebrate the graduation of our Freedom Trainees on site for the first time since the pandemic began. Through Mustard Tree's Freedom Project, trainees gain work experience, accredited qualifications, and work towards their goals of employment, building confidence and improving their overall well-being. Since we relaunched our Freedom Project in April, we have seen 19 trainees move into paid employment, 8 move into education, further training or volunteering and 29 achieving their goals and gaining improved confidence.

Additionally, we would like to thank The Rotary Club for co-ordinating Wrap-Up donation boxes around Salford Manchester. Mustard Tree provides free warm winter clothing for many people facing street homelessness during the coldest months of the year. The coats donated through the Wrap-up campaign will have a huge impact on the lives of people we support.

Unfortunately, the need for the services which we provide is growing across Greater Manchester. Relative poverty will be at its highest in 2021-22 since 1987, and the demand for our services, including low-cost food is increasing. With your support, we can continue to meet this demand, providing services to people facing financial instability and homelessness.

We are sincerely grateful to have the support of The Rotary Club – thank you for helping us combat poverty and prevent homelessness in Greater Manchester!

Yours Sincerely,

**Lauren and the Mustard Tree Team.**

President of The Rotary Club of Manchester is responsible for the work provided through the club to meet the needs of people from across Greater Manchester who are homeless, experiencing and vulnerable.

Registered and Charitable Organisation, incorporated in England and Wales.

Charity Number: 1150481 / Company Number: 4486193

### *Mustard Tree continued*

Irrespective of background, the Mustard Tree treats everyone as an individual. The Mustard Tree has developed a set of values which underpins its work:

- **Belief** in people – Empowering people and communities to empower themselves
- **Dignity** for all – Culture of kindness, respect and compassion where everyone is welcome
- **Opportunity** – Progress and development is at the heart of everything we do
- **Diversity** – Embracing the differences and valuing the contribution of all
- **Partnership** – Working together to build strong relationships based on mutual trust

The work at the Mustard Tree includes:

- Operating Community Shops,
- Running a professional kitchen
- Providing vocational training and work placements
- Running structured volunteer programmes.
- Providing food and resources
- Offering access to low-cost food, clothing, and household essentials such as furniture, pots and pans.
- Furniture collection and distribution and flat clearance projects
- Metal recycling

### **Wrap-up**

The Mustard Tree and our Club – working with other Rotary Clubs across Salford and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community– have just completed a successful ‘Wrap-up’ project. In total around 350 warm winter coats of different sizes have been delivered to the Mustard Tree – meeting a vital need at this time of the year.

We have also been supplying food to the Mustard Tree. The items it needs include:

- 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)

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

Also, varieties of Toiletries and female personal hygiene items.

In the last 6 months of working together the Rotary Club of Manchester and the Mustard Tree have achieved much, but the demands will always be there. Let's hope that partnership can be long term, a sustaining link over the in which we can achieve even more together. **Roy**

## 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/>

**Ring pulls from drinks cans** (soft drinks, tonic, beer, cider etc) for charity 'Purple Community Fund'

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>



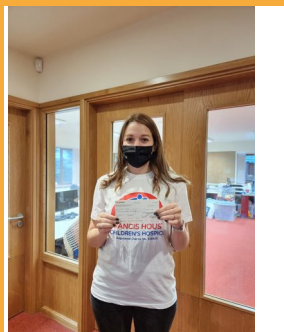
*Greta Thunberg in 2016 – the start – her 'School Strike for the Climate'. Will COP26, to quote Greta be 'bla, bla, bla' or real action? Photo by Salgo60, commons.wikimedia.72642786*

### 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. **UPDATE:** See thank you letter below. Our tree raised £90. A donation of £500 was also made to Francis House.



Donation of £500 to  
Francis House

Dear Manchester Rotary Club

Thank you for sponsoring a tree at our Festival of Trees event at Quayside MediaCityUK. The auction has now closed and I am delighted to inform you that your tree raised a fantastic £90.00.

Our shop is still open until Sunday so I am unable to give an overall figure raised at the event but will let you know in due course.

Each year, Francis House touches the lives of over 500 families from across Greater Manchester who are caring for a child with a short life-expectancy. We are here for these families through their good days, their tough days, and their last days.

This simply wouldn't be possible without the support of a caring community. Your help means we can continue to be a lifeline to families who are facing the toughest of challenges.

Thank you again for your support.

With kind regards

Julie and Jason

**Julie Williams MInstF (Cert)** | Fundraising Officer

### Baytree Children's Garden



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.

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

**UPDATE: From Derek** - As Christmas approaches, I am sure that you all will be receiving 'mountains' of Christmas greeting cards bearing franked postage stamps. Please remember that we are still collecting used postage stamps for the charity 'Support Dogs'. Save, then cut around the stamp leaving 1 cm. border and then send onto me.

### 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.

### Club Projects

#### Rotaract and Interact

Royston Flude

We hope to resurrect the Rotaract Club of Manchester 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.

[More on next page](#)

## Club Projects - continued

### Rotary Foundation Fundraising

Bill  
Laidlaw  
Graham  
Jackson

Recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world. The Foundation is helping Rotarians do good in the world. 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  
[Distsec1285@yahoo.com](mailto:Distsec1285@yahoo.com)

#### ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER



#### FUNDRAISING WHISKY TASTING for THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Thursday 6th January 2022 7.00pm

We will Sample a tantalising collection of 3 GLENFIDDICH whiskies with friends from Rotary MANCHESTER, CARNFORTH and SOUTHPORT LINKS

#### Please would you take the following action:

1. purchase your individual "Glenfiddich Whisky tasting Collection Gift pack of 3x 5cl whiskies aged 12, 15 and 18 year old" (currently available for £11 on Amazon – but also sold in Sainsburys etc.) . Please ensure you purchase the correct pack, so we are all tasting the same collection!!!! We suggest that you buy now in case of price increases or shortages/unavailability etc before Christmas and New Year!
2. pay £9 to your Club Treasurer who will be provided with Manchester Rotary Charity Account details. ( This £9 is the profit/fundraising element of the night and will be paid to Rotary Foundation )

#### RAFFLE:

- ♦ Your £9 DONATION includes one free raffle ticket for a bottle of whisky ( currently there are 3 bottles being raffled)
- ♦ You may purchase as many additional raffle tickets as you wish at £5 per ticket

We will learn about the 3 fascinating different Glenfiddich whisky expressions and enjoy a selection of three of Glenfiddich's favourite single malts which include:

- 1 x 5cl bottle of Glenfiddich 12-Year-Old, the award-winning pioneer of single malt whisky
- 1 x 5cl bottle of Glenfiddich 15-Year-Old, the single malt which is matured in a Solera VAT
- 1 x 5cl bottle of Glenfiddich 18-Year-Old batch reserve matured in selected oak barrels



### 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.

## Member Contributions

### ***Book Corner by David Andrew***

#### **A Petal of the Sea**

I recently put down the above book written by Isabel Allende, a Chilean author and translated into English by Nick Caistor. I have a penchant for reading books translated into English as they usually are well written.

This book covers 3 separate Countries and incidents. It starts with the Spanish civil war, and specifically 1938/39 and the dastardly Franco. A Medical Student, Victor Dalman, finds himself in the front lines as a medical assistant and he has to assume a more practical role of a surgeon. His Brother, Guillan married to Roser, is fighting in the front lines.

As Franco wins in 1938, he pushes some half a million distressed Spaniards to seek shelter over the border into France. Here they were badly treated and indeed about 250,000 perished. Look up 'Retirado 1938'

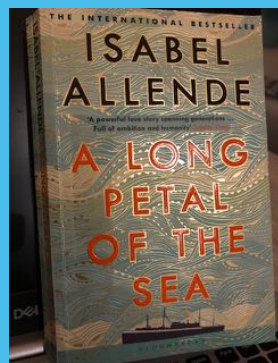
Victor is anxious to find any of his family and after much work, locates his sister-in-Law Roser, who is heavily pregnant.

A Chilean Poet, Pablo Neruda, seeks to help as many of these distressed people as possible and he commissions a large ship called the Winnipeg, to carry as large a number of Spaniards as possible. Victor and Roser and her now Baby Boy, are lucky to get a berth.

Pablo was a Nobel Prize winner and at the time a Senator in Chile and very wealthy.

The story now moves to Chile where the emigrants can make a new life. Victor qualifies as a doctor. And so, Spain, France and then Chile and far more.

A really good tale based on facts.



Humour contributed by Roy

#### **DON'T THINK, JUST READ!!**

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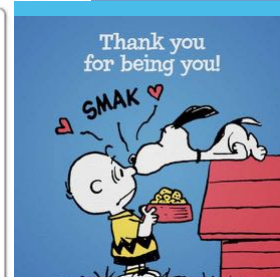
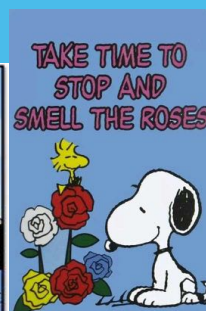
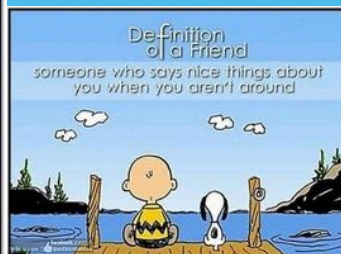
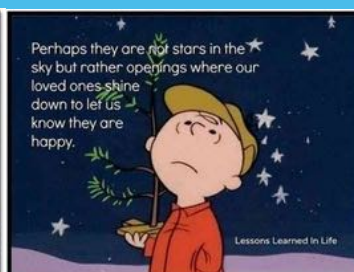
## More humour from Derek

### Eating in the 50s

1. Pasta was not eaten
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
9. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping.
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
21. Prunes were medicinal.
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

You might like to recall October 3, 1950 "Peanuts" first debuted in seven newspapers under the United Features Syndicate. Developed by Charles M. Schulz, who was raised Lutheran in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota. "Peanuts" ran for nearly 50 years and was published in 2,600 newspapers, 75 countries and 21 languages.

Take a moment to look at these gems of wisdom from good old Charles Schultz, simply wonderful!



# NOTICES

## Fund Raising

### **Charity Draw - Next Draw in January**

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

### **October Charity Draw Winners**

The winners were:

Bill Laidlaw £150

Hugh Barrett £50.

**Next draw will be in  
JANUARY**

### **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](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/  
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### **Club Charity Donations**

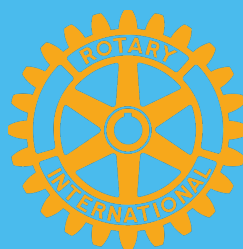
October 2021

Plan International £21.00

Rotary Foundation £1000.00

Polio Bears. £46.00

Hearing Dogs. £250.00





### Note from the Editor – Dale

As many of you know, this is my last edition as editor of the newsletter. Ian and I are continuing onto the next stage of our lives by moving to the south of France. I have had some great times with the Rotary Club. I have been to Ghana with the WOW project, I have become a British citizen with the help of members, and I have learned many things about British culture, as well as having some great meals together. Thank you for being such great friends and accepting my Canadian outlook and approach!

You have taught me many things and I learned the importance of humility. I have found out that Rotarians quietly go about helping others and expect nothing in return. All the best to all of you and please stay in touch. Thanks for the memories!



## **Birthdays**

### **January**

5<sup>th</sup> Sarah Withington

### **February**

13<sup>th</sup> Sebastian Moldovan

22<sup>nd</sup> Liz Cowell

### **March**

17<sup>th</sup> Dale McAulay

25<sup>th</sup> Nye Rowlands

### **April**

5<sup>th</sup> David Andrew

19<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris 1868

Racine, Wisconsin

30<sup>th</sup> Robin Graham

## **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

MEETING ON ZOOM – Thurs Dec 9 – Club Member Discussion - Among My Souvenirs

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs Dec 16 18:00-19:00  
Club Projects

FELLOWSHIP – Thurs. Jan 6 2022 Whiskey Tasting Fundraiser for Foundation

CLUB COUNCIL ON ZOOM – All Welcome  
Tuesday Jan 11 2022 18:00 – 19:00

MEETING ON ZOOM – Thurs Jan 13 2022 – Francis House Children's Hospice

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

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs. April 28 2022 18:00-19:15 PDG Dr Manoj Joshi DL – Polio prevention in action

**CHARTER NIGHT** – Thursday May 5 2022 – Aspire Restaurant 6:30 pm



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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