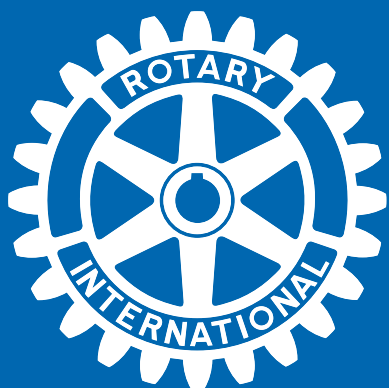




The Rotary Club of Chesterfield
A Centennial Celebration

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Introduction

The Rotary Club of Chesterfield was formed in 1922.

In the 100 years that have passed since then, the club has produced a proud record of achievement; raising funds for local and international causes; providing support to local community organisations and activities and running a wide range of local service projects.

This book provides a brief outline of how the club has evolved over its 100 year history. This centennial history of Chesterfield Rotary has been compiled by past president David Jenkins, CStJ, from research of documents kept by the Derbyshire Records Office, Matlock, by the recollections of members, and delving into club records.

There may be some omissions in producing this snapshot of a very active Rotary Club over the last 100 years, so apologies in advance for any missing details that inevitably will emerge. The hard work of everyone ever associated with the Rotary Club of Chesterfield is fully recognised and appreciated.

As with many Rotary Clubs, Chesterfield Rotary has seen its membership numbers decline over recent years as society has taken to volunteering in so many welcome guises. But the worldwide Rotary Movement continues to thrive, and the latter part of this book details how the club has taken steps to rejuvenate its membership, to re-model itself to make it more attractive to new younger members, and to enable it to look to the future with great confidence.

Here's to the next 100 years.

Rotary is a global network of 35,000 clubs with over 1.4 million members worldwide. It was formed in the USA in 1905 by its founder, Paul Harris, initially as a means of harnessing fellowship between business professionals. Within a short time, however, it had started to grow and is now the oldest and largest service organisation in the world, with a shared vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in their communities, and in themselves.

What does Chesterfield Rotary do?

An Overview

We support our local community

Members of the Rotary Club of Chesterfield are proud of the range of activities which have been successfully carried out for many years now. Our programme has been expanded and developed over time to provide help and support to communities in as many ways as possible.

A major part of our endeavours is to support our local community, educational, health and charitable organisations, and the many worthwhile causes in the area. During a typical year, our programme has featured hospice support, drug awareness schemes, concert for the elderly, relief for young carers with trips to Alton Towers, encouraging young enterprise, pantomime visits for school children, coach outings for the elderly, and providing potted bulbs for the housebound (where the visit has been more important than the bulbs).

Other notable examples are our annual Classic Car and Bike Show at Renishaw Hall, co-founded by our late past-president Stuart Bradley, which has gone on to raise tens of thousands of pounds for key local charities, including Ashgate Hospice, Weston Park Hospital Charity, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, Sheffield Children's Hospital, and others. We also joined in partnership with the Rotary Clubs

of Chesterfield Scarsdale, Clay Cross, and Matlock to raise thousands more at the annual Ashover Classic Car & Bike Show. Sports dinners, sponsored walks and swims, all helped raise funds

We have also provided both practical and financial support for victims of the disastrous floods which hit Chesterfield. More recently, regular financial support continues to be given to the excellent work provided by local food banks.

Many vocational support and youth service activities have been provided over the years to foster and celebrate the achievements of young people. These activities, run in association with the appropriate authorities, have included prestigious long-running school competitions for public speaking, started by late past president Norman Crookes MBE DFC in the 60's, and junior verse speaking started in the 90's, both still running. Also there have been young chef competitions, school art exhibition, mock interviews for sixth form students,

We support communities around the world. Our international activities have included the Aquabox project run by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth (aiding the provision of clean water) to various parts of the world at times of disaster, and donations to Sight Savers (for essential eye services in India) and to Water Aid (for helping water supply in the poorest regions of Africa and Asia). For many years we have supported the Chernobyl Children Life-Line (providing

a healthy break in the British fresh air for children from Belarus), the Durban Education Project for school repairs, controlling malaria in Tanzania, the Rotary Club of Patan in Nepal by providing over 300 computers for use in schools, the Saltergate Children's Home in Ethiopia which takes care of orphans off the street, and other projects abroad have had our support.

Rotary Foundation is the world's largest private charity trust. It has the support of Rotary Clubs in over 130 countries in funding and organising humanitarian, educational and student exchange programmes around the world, which we have participated in. We make regular contributions to this worthy cause, which includes regular financial support for Rotary's biggest initiative of all, the Global campaign to eradicate polio worldwide with the End Polio Now campaign.

We have fun.

Rotarians have always combined service to others with enjoyable social activities involving family and friends such as barbecues, leisurely walks, dinners, dances, themed events, such as, Burns Night and St Georges Day, competitive quiz nights, ten-pin-bowling, and golf. The highlight of the social year has always been celebrating what is effectively the club's birthday, known as the Charter Celebration with either a special lunch, dinner, ball, or less formally in recent years by celebrating with our local charity representatives. Our Centenary event had a 1920's theme.



Chesterfield Rotary's 99th anniversary Charter Celebration

The Rotary Club of Chesterfield

Early Days

Any fast expanding industrialising town with a population of around 60000 was in need of a Rotary Club.

Certainly a Chesterfield businessman, the local newspaper owner Alderman Hawksley Edmunds thought that Chesterfield could well do with a Rotary Club and he brought together a small committee who met at the Station Hotel with the remit of recommending who might be invited to be a Rotarian and setting out rules for a new club. Thus the first Rotary Club was established in Chesterfield in November 1922, held their first inaugural meeting and lunch at the Station Hotel on 2 December 1922. The 25 new Rotarians supported by local dignitaries and visiting members from the Rotary Clubs of Sheffield, Rotherham and Huddersfield, received their Charter on 19 December 1922.

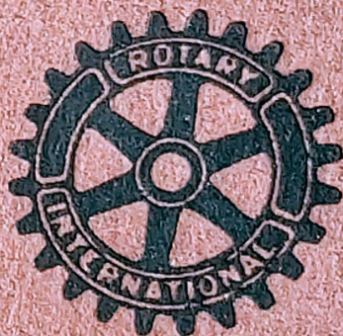
The local florist and vegetable merchant, Ernest Shentall, was appointed as the first President and the club met each week at the Station Hotel, enjoyed a meal together and then the members of the club would speak to their fellows about the problems facing them in establishing a new business.

A wide range of businesses were represented: EA Barker draper (retail), J Bagshaw engineer (construction), C Black stoneware manufacturer, G Clark engineer (mechanical), JE Clayton tanner, WC Coxall municipal accountant, HJ Cook outfitter, H Davis gas engineer, WH Edmunds newspaper proprietor, SH Harrison boot and shoe dealer, PB Houfton architect, CJ Howson bank manager, JD Penrose land agent, Wm Rhodes master builder, Philip Robinson cardboard box manufacturer, JH Rothwell town clerk, P Short drysalter, WH Short meat salesman, Sir Ernest Shentall Fruit merchant (wholesale), AW Swale tailor (merchant), WE Wakerley solicitor, Peter Warner fishmonger, HJ Watson chartered accountant, WJ Wilkinson brewer, JF Woodhead grocer (wholesale).

The Club was evidently highly successful. By 1925, only three years later, the Club had expanded to 64 members, with more businesses classifications covered.

It is interesting to note which families and businesses are still there in Chesterfield today, sometimes still on exactly the same premises and others still local.

*The
Rotary Club of Chesterfield.*



SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

DIRECTORY, 1925-6.

For Members only.

Members and Professions (1925-26 Directory)

- Accountant (Chartered) - **H J Watson**, Gluman Gate [Founder member Hon Sec]
- Accountant (Municipal) - **W C Coxall** West bars [Founder member]
- Architect - **P B Houfton**, Market Place [Founder member]
- Auctioneer - **WT Parker**, Irongate (still in Chesterfield)
- Axlebox Manufacturer - **J C Simon**, Robt Hyde & Sons Clarendon works (opened foundry in Chesterfield 1923. Now engineering in Stoke)
- Banker - **C J Howson**, Westminster bank [Founder member Treasurer]
- Builder (Master) - **W Rhodes**, Chatsworth Road [Founder member on Council – a JP]
- Builder & Contractor - **G F Kirk**
- Boot & Shoe Dealer - Classification vacant [**Harrison** was Founder member for classification]
- Brewer - **W J Wilkinson**, Brampton brewery [Founder member Vice - President] still exists
- Cartoonist - **G A Middleton**, 79 Saltergate
- Coal Merchant - **G Richardson**, J Gothard & Sons, Saltergate
- Chemist (Pharma) - **S C Greaves**, Market Place
- Corn & Seed Merchants - **C A Dauncey**, T Irving & Co Gluman gate,
- Cardboardbox Manufacturer - **P Robinson**, Brampton, [Founder member]
- Draper (Credit) - **S W Swale**, Sheffield Road
- Draper Retail - **E A Barker**, Barkers Lower Pavement [Founder member]
- Dental Surgeon - **C A Furness**, Church House
- Drysalter - **H P Short**, Salt & Short Brampton [Founder member]
- Engineer (Constructional) - **J Bagshaw** Plowright Bros Brampton [Founder member]
- Engineer (Gas) - **H Davies**, West Bars [Founder memembr]
- Engineer(Mechanical) - Classification vacant [was **Clark** Founder member]
- Engineer (Mining) - **D N Turner**, Walton Lodge
- Engineer & Surveyor Municipal - **V Smith**, Glumen Gate
- Engineer (Water) - **C Boldry**, Gas works
- Farming - **B M Humble-Burkett**, Stubbing Court
- Fishmonger - **P Warner**, High Street [Founder member]
- Fruit Marchant (Wholesale) - **Sir Ernest Shentall**, St Marys gate [Founder member President]
- Fruit Preserver - **A Shentall**, Whittington Moor
- Furniture Manufacturer - **S T Rodgers**, Whittington Moor
- Grocer (Retail) - **W Crossley**, Low pavement
- Grocery (Wholesale) - **J F Woodhead**, High Street [Founder member]
- Hardware Merchant - **E Eyre**, Eyre & Sons

- Hatter - **H L Banks**, Corporation St
- House Furnisher - **J D White**, Corporation Street
- Inspector Arts & Crafts in Primary Schools - Classification vacant
- Intermediate Dye Stuffs - **H H Beresford**, Staveley Coal & Iron Co
- Ironmaster - **C P Markham**, Markham & Co, Broad Oaks
- Ironmonger - **W T Britt**, South Street
- Jeweller - **R H Phillips**, South Street
- Journalist - Classification vacant
- Land Agent - **J D Penrose**, Devonshire Estate Office [Founder member]
- Maltster - **H C Bradfield**, W&S Burkitt Ltd, Saltergate
- Meat Salesman - **W R Short**, Redfern & Co, High Street [Founder member]
- Medical Practitioner - **R A McCrea**, Ash Lodge
- Medical Officer of Health - **R P Garrow**, Saltergate
- Miller Corn - **A A Townrow**, Hipper Corn Mills
- Motor Agent - **G Kenning**, Clay Cross
- Newspaper Proprietor - **W H Edmunds**, Station Road [Founder member Vice - President]
- Optician - **C H Calway**, Leadbeater & Peters Ltd, Stephenson Place
- Outfitters - **H J Cook**, High Street [Founder member]
- Paint Manufacturer - **F Stokes**, Knifsmith Gate
- Pawnbroker - **N V Fearnough**, Holywell Street
- Pork Butcher - **W Hadfield**, Market Place
- Poultry Breeder - Vacant
- Printer - **H B Broomhead**, Packer's Row
- Registrar of County Court - **A E Hopkins**, Market Hall
- Rope & Twine Manufacturer - **R Eyre**, Eyre & Sons
- Scholastic - **A C Bescoby**, Grammar School
- Solicitor - **W E Wakerley**, Jones & Middleton Gluman Gate (note earlier spelling) [Founder member] - still there
- Stoneware Manufacturer - **C Black**, Pearsons Brampton [Founder member]
- Surgeon - **T R Evans**, West Bank, Clarence Road
- Tanner - **J E Clayton**, Clayton Street [Founder member] - Still there
- Tailor Merchant - **A W Swale**, Vicar Lane [Founder member]
- Tobacconist Wholesale - **R B Green**, Holywell Street
- Town Clerk - **G Parker**, Morris Gluman Gate [was Rothwell Founder member]
- Tramways Manager - Vacant
- Timber Merchant English - **J Allen**, Albion Saw Mills - still there
- Timber Merchant Foreign - **J H Green**, Old Whittington
- Wine & Spirits - **L D Bird**, Tapton Lane

Different clubs had different rules but essentially only one member could represent a classification and when a guest was invited to a lunch meeting the host had to notify the representative of that business beforehand, 'as a matter of etiquette'.

When Rotarians reached a certain age, they could opt to become Senior Active Members, freeing up their classification for a new member.

The founder of the first Rotary Club had recognised early that fellowship could only be cultivated if Rotary members were to meet regularly so he decreed that although there were a number of other clubs coming into existence which

rotary members were free, indeed encouraged, to visit, he insisted that every Rotarian at least visited his own club once every four weeks so that fellowships could be cultivated. This attendance rule played a vital part in the early days of Rotary and it became the practice of the club to note who attended meetings and then calculate what percentage of attendance had been made and to ensure that at least every four weeks a member attended his own club. This rule was strictly applied, so much so that if a member failed to attend a club once in four weeks he would be asked to resign from Rotary.

GUESTS may be brought to the luncheons, provided members advise Hon. Sec. ('Phone 570) not later than 11 a.m. on the day of the meeting, giving name and business of each guest. Also as a matter of etiquette, Members bringing guests should advise those Members whose classifications are identical with that of their guests. Seats cannot be guaranteed unless this rule is complied with.

MEMBERSHIP. (See Constitution Articles III. and IV.)

The Rotary Club is restricted to one member from each distinct business or profession. Such a limitation makes for thorough representation of all occupations yet prevents an unwieldy number and the domination of any club by any one business or profession. With such a membership the Club becomes an ideal forum for the consideration of public or civic questions. The restricted membership also prevents stagnation through lack of interest, for a lagging member is dropped for a new and alert member.

Contact and exchange of ideas with diversified men of interests is broadening in every sense, and tends to introduce fresh thought and new viewpoints into every business and profession represented.

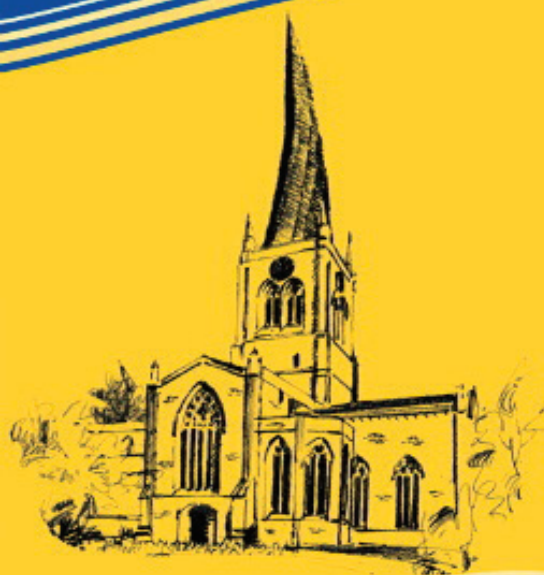
The Motto of Rotary is:

SERVICE ABOVE SELF.



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The History of Rotary

On February 23 in 1905, Chicago lawyer Paul P Harris called three friends to a meeting, his vision being to form a club that would encourage fellowship amongst members of the business community, an idea originating from his desire to find the kind of friendly spirit he had known in the villages where he had grown up. Little did the four businessmen know that they had created the first ever Rotary Club. Word of the small club soon spread and other businessmen were invited to join, and the name "Rotary" was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings amongst members' offices. Soon after the club name was agreed, one of the new members suggested a wagon wheel design for the club emblem.

It was the precursor of the familiar cogwheel emblem now worn by Rotarians around the world. By the end of 1905, the club had 30 members.

The second Rotary club was formed in 1908 half a continent away from Chicago in San Francisco, California, then a third in Oakland, California, Others followed in Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, California, and New York City, New York. Rotary became international in 1910 when a club was formed in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. By 1921 the organisation was represented on every continent, and the name

Rotary International was adopted in 1922. As Rotary grew, its focus shifted to community service and civic obligations. Early projects included building public 'comfort stations' near Chicago's City Hall and delivering food to needy families.

The aims, objects, mission of Rotary Clubs

Rotary International is an international service organisation whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organisation open to all. There are over 35,000 member clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.2 million individuals, known as Rotarians.

Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Rotary's two official mottoes

'Service Above Self' and 'One Profits Most Who Serves Best' can be traced back to the early days of the organisation.



OBJECTS OF ROTARY.

The "objects" of the Rotary Club are to encourage and foster—

High ethical standards in businesses and professions;

The ideal of Service as a basis of all worthy enterprise;

The active interest of every Rotarian in the civic, commercial, social, and moral welfare of the community;

The development of a broad acquaintanceship as an opportunity for Service, as well as an aid to success;

The interchange of ideas and business methods as a means of increasing the usefulness of Rotarians;

The recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations, and the dignifying of the occupation of each Rotarian as *affording him an opportunity to serve society.*

**‘Service
Above
Self’**

Speakers

'As the time came for each to act as host, he gave a discourse on his own occupation so that his guests might learn something worthwhile regarding it, and thus broaden their own knowledge concerning various classifications outside their own.'

1925-6 Members Directory

The 1925-6 Members Directory shows that, early in the Club's history there was a requirement for members to take turns in talking about the fundamentals of their business and share thoughts and problems.

Over the years, however, members became more reluctant to talk to meetings about their own business problems and so the role of a "speaker finder" arose, being charged with the responsibility of finding a different speaker each week who would address the club and so keep Rotary alive in its original spirit.

Speakers at meetings each week covered a range of interesting topics. On one occasion there was a talk on the question of Palestine Nationhood – this before the State of Israel was established, and other speakers spoke about their experiences in business, or local projects, from an illustrated potted history of the Hospitaller Knights to an NHS Surgeon highlighting the serious effects of climate change

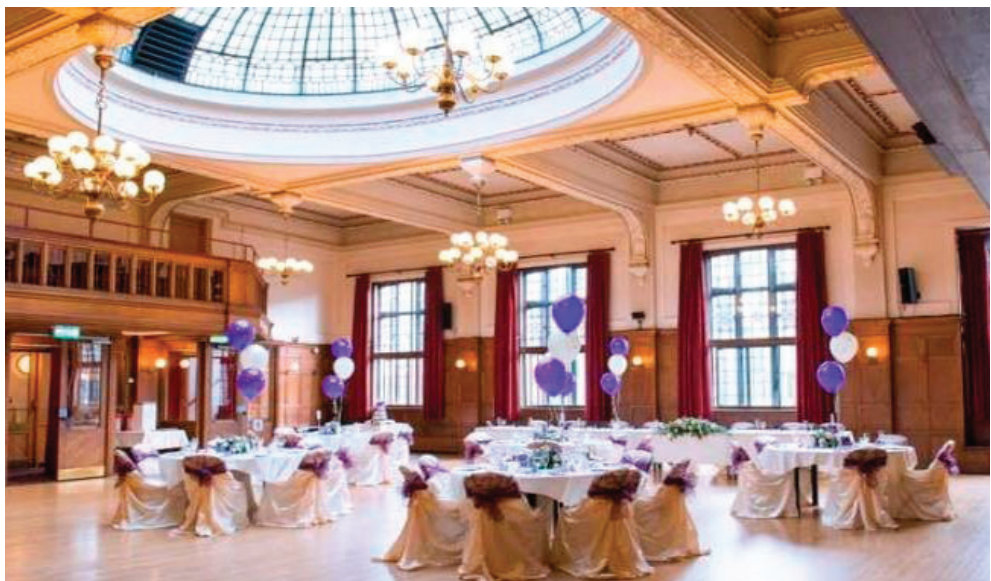
by taking part in a unique Antarctic expedition using only clean energy technologies and illustrating how the rest of us might be encouraged to make an effort to counter global warming by making changes to our everyday lives. Speakers also covered the role of magistrates, the origins of place-names, the life of cabin crews on both commercial and private jets and the role of the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, the Woodland Trust.

The venues for Rotary Club meetings

As we have seen 'Rotary' received its name from the original Club members rotating meetings between their premises. The Chesterfield Club met at first at the Station Hotel. Later the venue became the Odeon Ballroom, now known as the Winding Wheel. Then the Club moved to the Miners Welfare, the Chester Street Club, and currently the Friday lunches are held at The Olde House.



The venue for the first Chesterfield Rotary meetings, The Station Hotel (above), was subsequently renamed as the Chesterfield Hotel and now being demolished. Its second venue, the Odeon ballroom (below) is now better known to us as The Winding Wheel



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Speaker Finder:

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Leadbeater & Peters, Ltd.,
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VOTING DELEGATES TO R.I.B.I.

SIR ERNEST SHENTALL and the
HON. SECRETARY.

COUNCIL.

All the OFFICERS.

C. H. CALWAY.	G. PARKER MORRIS.
R. P. GARROW.	D. N. TURNER.
S. C. GREAVES.	A. A. TOWNROW.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

HIS GRACE the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,
K.G., Chatsworth.

C. P. MARKHAM, Esq., J.P.,
Ringwood.
(*Since transferred to Ordinary
Membership.*)

COMMITTEES.

Fellowship.

Duties: The members of this Committee shall be present as early as possible before each club meeting to welcome visitors and new members. The Committee shall work for the promotion of good fellowship among the members of the club and carry out any arrangements suggested to them by the President for the development of goodwill in the club.

W. C. COXALL.	P. ROBINSON.
R. P. GARROW.	H. P. SHORT.
J. G. RICHARDSON.	W. R. SHORT.
	J. D. WHITE.

Membership.

Duties: This Committee shall investigate the character, business-standing, and general eligibility of persons proposed for membership and shall report on all applications to the Council.

All the OFFICERS.

E. A. BARKER.	S. C. GREAVES.
H. J. COOK.	J. D. PENROSE.
H. DAVIES.	W. RHODES.
	S. W. SWALE.

Good contacts for business but core belief is service

The Rotary Club obviously provided a network of trusted contacts but the core message, of great importance to members, was the opportunity for service of others.

Every member of the Club was required each year to join one of the committees responsible for carrying out the work of Rotary.

The Community Service Committee oversaw the organising of the Old People's Annual Christmas Party, regular contacts with sick members, the annual Rotary Ball and Past Presidents' dinner and the Public Speaking competition.

The International Committee, as its name implies, made contacts with overseas clubs. Rotary International was ready to help with funding of projects involving overseas clubs. Chesterfield Club worked with a similar club in Nepal and raised funds to help build a school in Nepal and provide scholarships for local children. Rotary International then agreed to a 'matching grant' to double the funds raised by the Chesterfield Club.

Chesterfield Club also aided a Nottingham club in building a small village in India funded in the same 'matching grant' way.

The Vocational Service Committee used the vocational skills of Rotarians to suggest business enterprise schemes to be undertaken by school pupils.

They also ran the Verse Speaking competition and Schools Art competition.

Proposals for beneficiaries of funds raised for distribution were made by Club members to the Club Council, the selected list being approved by the whole Club.

Some events are held to fundraise for specific projects, some projects are supported long term and some events raise money which is put into the charity fund to be distributed as and when appropriate.

Our biggest annual fundraising events are the Classic Car and Bike Shows which have generated tens of thousands of pounds for local charities.



Charity representatives receiving cheques for donations from the 2008
Eckington Classic Car and Bike Show from Rotarians Mike Horton,
Brian White and Stuart Bradley

Fund raising through sponsored walks, combines Fellowship with fundraising.

One of the memorable fundraising fellowship days was when the members of Chesterfield Rotary Club accepted a challenge from other clubs in Northeast Yorkshire to climb the three peaks in that northern part of the county. These were three peaks over 2000 feet, Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough and the arrangement was that about half a dozen Chesterfield Rotarians would travel overnight to a school close to the start of the walk then the following morning, at about 8 o'clock, set off to climb the three peaks in the course of the day. None of the Chesterfield members had done the walk before so were reliant on the instructions written by the host clubs to guide them on their way. The hosts had been very helpful writing notes like "walk in this direction for half an hour and then when you see the white gates go through them and turn right". This would have been alright if the weather had stayed fine but the sunny morning quickly turned into a very foggy day, so foggy that you could not see your hand in front of your face. Some Rotarians felt that perhaps it was dangerous to go on walking, but walk they did and during the day they were often passed by fellow members struggling to find out which was the way up the hill or down as the case may be. By lunch time all the Rotary Club members had completed the first hill and a packed lunch was enjoyed with

the families who had brought their caravans to cheer the walkers on their way. In the afternoon the sun came out and it was more laborious climbing the last 2 peaks, but all Rotarians struggled on and one Rotarian, John Heath, who was particularly fit, was ahead of the others so when he spied a marshal, he asked what was the bearing for the last part of the walk. Having been given it he set his compass accordingly and set off at a brisk pace. Unfortunately, John didn't know that there were two different groups climbing the mountain that day and he'd asked a marshal for the other group. In consequence he walked an extra 2 or 3 hilly miles before he joined the rest of the Rotary group at the local school, where they had been promised warm showers at the end of the walk. Unfortunately, by the time they got there all of the hot water has been exhausted so their offer was either to take a cold shower or to take a quick dip in the swimming pool which was believed to be heated. Rotarians dived into the pool only to find it wasn't heated and was very chilly indeed. But a quick swim soon restored their spirits, and the outcome was that the sponsoring supporters raised something like £8,000 for Rotary charities as a result of this good day's fellowship together.



Providing support as needed:

Markham pit disaster

On Monday 30th July 1973 the town of Chesterfield was shattered by a tragic disaster at one of the local collieries, Markham.

This tragedy happened when the cage carrying the miners to go underground into the pit failed to stop. It was the start of the day shift and by 6:20am 105 miners had already been lowered into the pit. Then the overlap rope cage carrying 15 men on the top deck and 14 men on the lower deck began its descent. Sparks were seen coming from the brake cylinder by the engine winder who then slammed on the emergency stop button. Nothing happened and the cage crashed down to the bottom of the pit some 1,329 feet below ground. The ascending cage crashed through the winding house roof. The impact at the bottom was so great that it tore away the brick lining of the shaft. As the cage crumpled around the men trapped in the cage the impact was so great that a number of them were killed and the rescue teams had the greatest difficulty freeing the other men from the wreckage. 13 men died at the scene and another 5 men died later in hospital. The other 11 men in the cage and one rescue worker were very seriously injured and were taken to hospital at Chesterfield.

The survivors were nursed at the Chesterfield Royal Hospital and many of them survived though some of them had severe injuries to their legs and rib cages. The

Chesterfield Rotary Club was able to organise a series of vehicles which ferried relatives who hadn't got vehicles of their own and take them to visit the Markham patients and then continue to visit them after they came home.

Transport for Servicemen

During the Second World War, a Community Service was provided to servicemen coming on leave. Often, after a day's travel, they arrived at Chesterfield station at night to find there was no public transport available to get them to their homes. As a remedy, Rotary Club members agreed to the provision of a rota of members with cars to pick up servicemen at the station and get them home. In some cases they were also collected from home early in the morning to get them back to the station in time to travel back to camp. This service ran for two or three years and was very much appreciated.

Opposite: Testing for Gas, was created by artist Antony Dufort as "A tribute to the Miners of the nearby Nottinghamshire coalfields



Santa's Fund-Raising Sleigh:

This Christmas fund raiser has been popular for many years. Shops such as Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco's allowed us to collect at their entrances on agreed days. We arranged our own rota of volunteers for Santa and his collectors (2 hour slots) and the hours that we would collect. We had a sleigh made specifically for us which took three or four to carry from our trailer to the shop entrance. This has flashing lights and a music system relaying Christmas music. We acquired a fold away changing room for Santa.

Practical Aid Collections:

Books

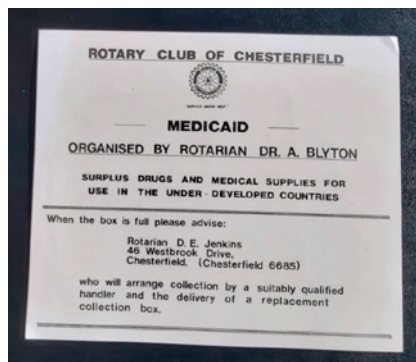
Rotary International organised a book collecting service known as the Lady Ranfurly Library; Rotarians were asked to donate books to send to developing areas in Africa. Chesterfield Rotary Club for a number of years was a contributor to the Ranfurly Library. The problem for the local Rotarians was the dispatch of the donated books to a London collecting point. The local Robinsons Company very generously provided transport that it had running towards London to carry the books.

Spectacles

Along the same lines Rotarians were encouraged to donate spectacles which were no longer required to be recycled and sent to developing countries.

Medicaid

Another approach was the recycling by the Chesterfield Rotary Club of pharmaceutical drugs which for some reason or other had been eliminated from the British pharmacopoeia. An example was the common drug codeine which was popularly used in Britain for a number of years and then was banned. Pharmacists were asked to donate stocks of such medicines which were collected by Rotarian Doctor Archer Blyton who then evaluated their further use for treatments in developing countries. They were dispatched by Rotary International to countries that needed them. In this way a great deal of pharmaceutical drugs were recycled for the benefit of developing nations.





Santa and some of his helpers at Sainsburys

Another sponsored walk:

A number of members of the Rotary Club were keen on walking so one of the members suggested that a small group would for a sponsorship fee walk the established route across the North Yorkshire Moors that was known as the Lyke Wake Walk and was deemed to follow the track followed by coffin bearers carrying the deceased from his place of death to place of burial. This was a long slog across the moors of about 45 miles and the organizers had arranged that to qualify as a successful walk, members should complete the journey within 24 hours.

To this end a dozen or so of the more active Rotarians journeyed to North Yorkshire, stayed overnight, and then the following day set off at a brisk pace across the Yorkshire moors following what had been a just discernible path which over the years has become almost as wide as a motorway. Amongst the group were a number of Rotarians who claimed some prowess as navigators so every time the group stopped for a short rest, one or other of these navigators would indicate where the next leg of the journey directed them and of course every Rotarian had his own opinion and they rarely agreed but over the day the Rotarians completed the walk and they were met at nightfall by their wives who had brought caravans so that the Rotarians could have a short rest before they went on to complete the journey.

The intention had been that the ladies would provide the evening supper which would be enjoyed by all but when the Rotarians arrived they were much too tired to eat and were simply glad to get their boots off and sleep for an hour or two before they got up again to do the last 10 miles of the journey. But it was completed and as a reward the Rotarian members were entitled to buy a commemorative tie which depicted a group of white coffins on a black background. This had turned out to be a very enjoyable day.

*Opposite: Walls and barns in Swaledale,
Yorkshire Dales*



Aquabox

Wirksworth Rotary Club, South West Derbyshire, developed an impressive community service. They established the Aquabox system which consisted of a plastic device capable of holding something like 20 litres of purified water. In the event of a natural disaster like an earthquake, Wirksworth Rotary Club sent a number of these Aquaboxes to the stricken area where the victims could fill the vessel with contaminated water which would then be filtered and could be siphoned off as pure drinking water. After a few of these boxes had been sent away it was realised that it would be possible to fill the container with useful tools and clothing for the benefit of the disaster victims and other clubs were asked to supply spare tools from their garages and clothing. So, every few months Chesterfield Rotary Club would be asked to provide spare tools and clothing to fill an aqua box, together with a small fee to cover the cost of the transport of the of the vessel. These provided drinking water and in many cases alleviated extreme suffering in places across the world. Later, after a series of disasters the demand for Aquaboxes was more than

Wirksworth could cope with so they asked Chesterfield if they would help to attend at Wirksworth Club and pack the vessels with tools and clothing to speed the number that could be dispatched to disaster areas. Chesterfield Rotary Club rallied and for a few weeks a group of Chesterfield Rotarians and their wives assembled in Wirksworth church hall where they packed chlorine tablets and tools and clothing into the Aquaboxes.

In 2010 Aquabox began assembling innovative filters capable of removing all waterborne pathogens, The filters can be quickly cleaned and each one is capable of filtering up to half a million litres of water. They are distributed to global disaster spots through an impressive network of local contacts, ensuring they get to where they are needed. This includes Ukraine where the filters are helping the millions of refugees of the war.

In 2016 Wirksworth Rotary was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

In 2022 Aquabox celebrates its 30th anniversary and the charity has asked clubs to do a "Walk for Water" to support its continued essential work.





In July 2022, on a day of record breaking temperatures, Chesterfield Satellite members and friends did an evening "Walk for Water" around Linacre Reservoirs and then enjoyed a pie and pea supper, enabling a £1,000 donation to be made to Aquabox



Polio

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years and has made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary International has helped to reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent.

It is crucial to eliminate polio from the last three countries where it remains endemic and to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

In 2008, Rotary received a \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotary committed to raising \$100 million. In January 2009, Bill Gates announced a second challenge grant of \$255 million. Rotary again committed to raising another \$100 million. In total, Rotary will raise

\$200 million by 30 June 2012. Together, the Gates Foundation and Rotary have committed \$555 million toward the eradication of polio.

Chesterfield Rotary Club's charity fund has supported the Global Polio Eradication initiative with many fund raising events. Its continued work is still essential and even today there are reports of the Polio virus emerging again in the UK.



Inspiring Young People

Chesterfield Rotary Club holds a number of annual competitions to encourage the development of young people.

Schools Public Speaking Awards

Each year, the local secondary schools were asked to nominate three or four of their pupils to compete in a public speaking competition, the finals of which each year were held in front of the whole assembled Chesterfield Rotary Club. To select the most promising competitors, a preliminary round was held at one of the competing schools where all the contestants would make speeches before a panel of Rotarians. From these first rounders the best eight would go forward to the final competition. The speakers were allowed to pick any subject for their talk, which they thought would be of interest to the Rotary Club members. Speakers were required to speak for five minutes each, the whole audience being the judge of their efforts. The winning pupils were awarded a book token worth thirty pounds, the second best was awarded twenty pounds and the third ten pounds. All the other competitors, at the preliminary and final rounds earned a book voucher for five pounds plus a certificate to say they had competed. The standard of speaking each year was very high, some years producing natural orators who could hold an audience in the palm of their hand.

Verse Speaking

A similar competition for young verse readers was also held each year at one of the local junior schools when boys and girls aged 6 to 9 performed poetry. The pupils were free to read their choice of poem though most learnt them by heart. Pupils often chose the same poem for their performance, and this gave the audience a chance to hear several renditions of the same piece. Prizes were given to all the competitors and the winner was asked to come back to entertain the whole club on the public speaking competition day, along with proud parents who also enjoyed seeing their child's name in the local newspaper.



Finalists in the 2012 Junior Verse competition



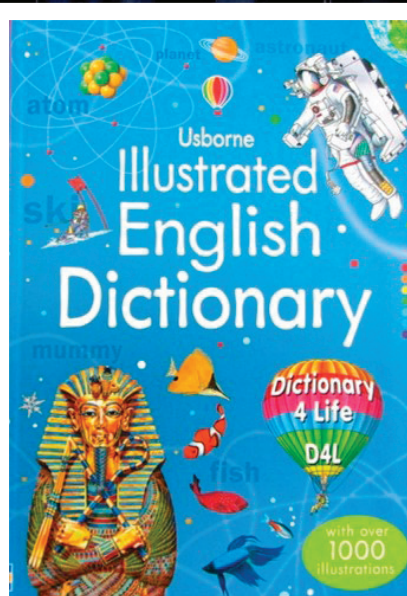
2018 Public Speaking contest finalists receive their awards from President Peter Barr



2022 Public Speaking Competition finalists with Satellite Club Chair, Ivona Bradley

Dictionaries for life

For many years dictionaries were obtained and presented to a Year 6 class in Chesterfield by our President. A different school was chosen each year.



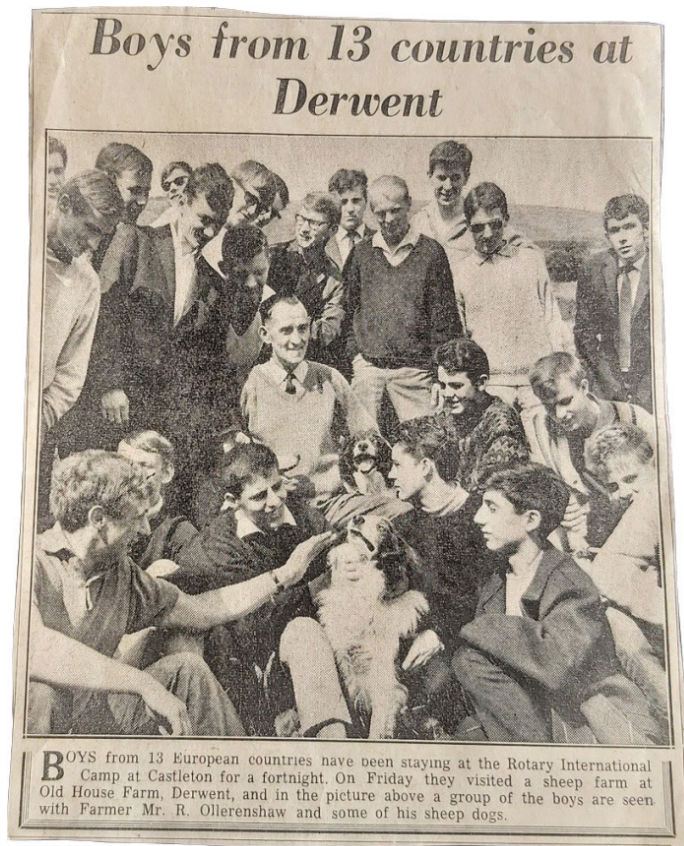
Castleton Boys Club

Castleton Boys Club was set up in the 1950s by a Sheffield Rotary Club in the same Rotary District as Chesterfield.

It provided accommodation for about 20 boys from many countries who were in need of a holiday (and later was extended to include girls).

The boys stayed at Castleton for a fortnight and were taken by Rotarians to local places of interest. Accommodation and board were free and at the weekend the boys were hosted by Rotary Families.

Later on, Chesterfield Rotary was allowed to use the centre to host Chesterfield youngsters for a week in August.



Ollerton International Camp

During the late 1970s a number of exchanges and trips to Europe were organised, facilitated by Rotarian John Heath who held the District post of Youth Exchange Officer at that time.

That role also involved running International Youth Camps at Ollerton in 1976 and 1977.

Young people between 17 and 20 years of age made visits to places of interest in the area and were also hosted by Rotary families for the odd night.



After the 1977 camp one of the visiting young men, sent John Heath this photo of four of the visiting guests with John and his car (by which the young man had been spellbound)

Schools Art Exhibition

The Schools Art Exhibition was created by Rotarian Ian Gordon and has inspired many young artists.

The annual exhibition at St Andrew's Church is still going strong. It attracts many delighted visitors, including the young artists' proud parents.

In 2022 the exhibition will return once more after an absence due to the Covid pandemic.



Ian Gordon and fellow Rotarians at the first Schools Art Exhibition



Rotary Club of Chesterfield

Chartered 1922

Our Family Tree

1948	Inner Wheel Club of Chesterfield
1965	Interact Club of Chesterfield
1973	Chesterfield Probus Club
1975	Rotary Club of Dronfield
	Inner Wheel Club
	Rotary Club of Eckington (1985)
	Rotary Club of Drone Valley (2005)
1977	Scarsdale Probus Club
1977	Rotaract Club of Chesterfield
1979	Cavendish Probus Club
1980	Rotary Club of Chesterfield Scarsdale
	Inner Wheel Club
1980	Rotary Club of Bolsover
	Inner Wheel Club
1982	Hardwick Probus Club
1988	Nightingale Probus Club
1989	Markham Probus Club
1998	Eastwood Probus Club
2016	Satellite Rotary Club of Chesterfield
2022	Rotary Club of Chesterfield (new structure)

In its 100 year history Chesterfield Rotary has expanded community service in the town through the creation of many new service organisations.

The setting up of the Satellite Club in 2016 was the largest expansion of Rotary in Chesterfield for 36 years.

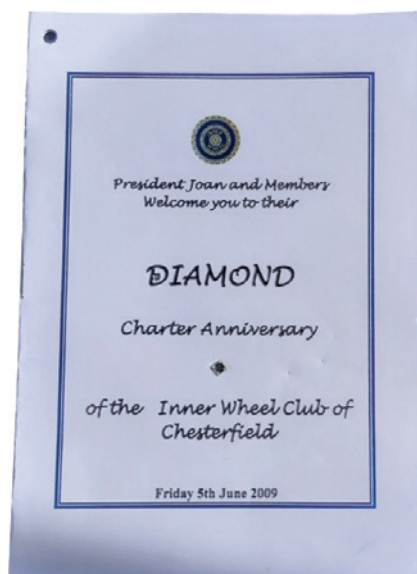
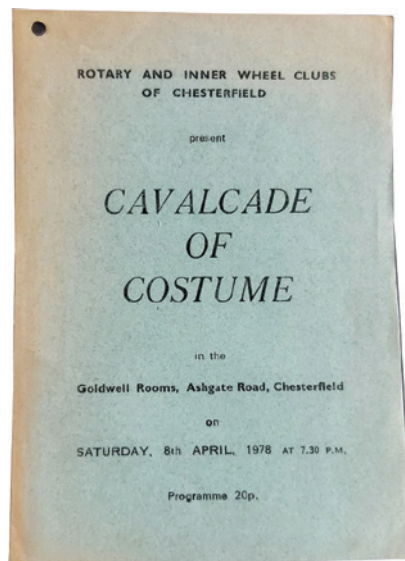
The Inner Wheel Club

During its early days, Rotary Club membership was men only, though the families of Rotarians obviously participated in many of the club's events: fundraising, visits or Annual Balls.

The Inner Wheel Club was initially established in 1924 for the wives and daughters of Rotarians but subsequently no Rotary connection was required.

Inner Wheel Chesterfield held its first meeting on 23 Nov 1948. It ran its own monthly meetings offering friendship, fun and fundraising with offers of practical and financial support benefitting hundreds of charities, locally, nationally, and internationally every year.

The original Rotary constitution contained the phrase "male members" and it was 1950 before this was first challenged, by the Rotary Club of India. An enactment was put forward to delete the word "male" from the constitution at the 1950 Rotary Convention. It was not until the 1980's, however, following challenges by Rotary in California, and a US Supreme Court ruling, that the reference to men in the Rotary constitution was finally changed. In 1989 membership rules were altered and Rotary International confirmed that women could be admitted as full members of Rotary Clubs. Chesterfield Rotary agreed to admit women and, although some female members joined, many preferred to join Inner Wheel. By contrast the new Satellite Rotary Club of Chesterfield has a majority of women members.



Chesterfield Inner Wheel Past Presidents

1948-50	Mrs G W Hindle	1986-87	Mrs S D Longden
1950-51	Mrs C A Dauncey	1987-88	Mrs A D Pates
1951-52	Mrs R E Wheeler	1988-89	Mrs R Richardson
1952-53	Mrs C E Appleyard	1989-90	Mrs H Fry
1953-54	Mrs A F Pates	1991-92	Mrs G C Rhodes
1954-55	Mrs G Boothman	1992-93	Mrs M E Mohamad
1955-56	Mrs R T Downham	1993-94	Mrs S Crookes
1956-57	Mrs N Worrall	1994-95	Mrs D E Windle
1957-58	Mrs R Clegg	1995-96	Mrs B Cockman
1958-59	Mrs J M Reeve	1996-97	Mrs D Madin
1959-60	Mrs A Liveseley	1997-98	Mrs P Dryden
1960-61	Mrs G N Woodhead	1998-99	Mrs M E Mohamad
1961-62	Mrs C E Goodwin	1999-00	Mrs J Horton
1962-63	Mrs C Stevenson	2000-01	Mrs B Cockman
1963-64	Mrs R G Hayes	2001-02	Mrs P Hare
1964-65	Mrs C Proctor	2002-03	Mrs G C Rhodes
1965-66	Mrs F L Waring	2003-04	Mrs J M Doody
1966-67	Mrs T Ward	2004-05	Mrs J Wadd
1967-68	Mrs E Staton	2005-06	Mrs J Tungland
1968-69	Mrs A B Robinson	2006-07	Mrs P Hare
1969-70	Mrs A G Longson	2007-08	Mrs J M Doody
1970-71	Mrs J Madin	2008-09	Mrs J Wadd
1971-72	Mrs W Bailey	2009-10	Mrs M Mitchell
1972-73	Mrs J R Sanderson	2010-11	Mrs H White
1973-74	Mrs R B Robinson	2011-12	Mrs P Dryden & Mrs J Doody
1974-75	Mrs J Dyson		Mrs A Handley
1975-76	Mrs D Pates	2012-13	Mrs A Elliott
1976-77	Mrs C C Turner	2013-14	Dr M Strelley
1977-78	Mrs D Jenkins	2014-15	Mrs C Bradley
1978-79	Mrs A E Dale	2015-16	Mrs J Doody
1979-80	Mrs R Richardson	2016-17	Mrs R Clarke
1980-81	Mrs A Pears	2017-18	Mrs A Handley & Mrs J Wadd
1981-82	Mrs M Pearsall	2018-19	Mrs C Kelly & Mrs A Lowe
1982-83	Mrs E H Grosvenor	2019-20	
1983-84	Mrs S Johnson		
1984-85	Mrs B A Wilton		
1985-86	Mrs G C Rhodes		

Probus Clubs

PROBUS is a local, national, and international association of people who come together in non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit, autonomous clubs, many of which have strong links to Rotary. In many places Rotary Clubs initially sponsored Probus Clubs and other clubs are often sponsored by other Probus Clubs. At present there are over 400,000 members in approximately 4,000 Probus clubs worldwide.

The Probus Club movement was formed in the United Kingdom in 1965. It had its beginnings in two clubs, both created by members of Rotary Clubs:

- In 1965, Fred Carnill, a member of the Welwyn Garden City Rotary Club, met other retired friends, mostly ex-commuters to London with professional and business backgrounds, for morning coffee. From this, he started a luncheon club. The Rotary Club president arranged the first meeting and 45 men attended.
- Another Probus Club was conceived by three businessmen travelling to London by train. The three, James Raper, Harold Blanchard and Edward Mockett OBE were reaching the point of retirement and realised they had a need for fellowship. Thus in the same time period, September 1965 Harold Blanchard the chairman of Caterham Rotary Club Vocational Service Committee,

by now retired from business, presented the idea to the Rotary Club. A monthly lunch was arranged, at which the Rotary Club President took the chair until the Club had formed its own rules and committee.

The inaugural luncheon of the first Probus Club in the United Kingdom (by that name) was on the 2 March 1966. The name "Probus" was suggested by a member who took the first three letters from 'PROfessional and BUSiness'. It had the advantage that it was a Latin word from which 'probity' is derived. The Probus Club of Caterham met with success, and became known among other Rotary Clubs with new clubs being founded.

The first Probus Club in Chesterfield was pioneered in 1973 by Rotarian Henry Spragg, a director of the Markhams Engineering Works which built the machinery to construct the Channel Tunnel. He had realised that a number of older people who had not been Rotarians, were retiring without the opportunity for fellowship. Seven Probus Clubs, for both men and women, were subsequently sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield.



*Growing old is a
question of mind over
matter.
Provided you don't
mind
It really doesn't
matter.*

*A beautiful young
person is a work of
nature.
A beautiful old person
is a work of art.*

Nightingale
Probus
Club

The
Foundation
Lunch

7th February
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At
The Olde House

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A lunch to celebrate the anniversary of Nightingale
Probus Club's formation in 1988

Social Events Programme

Over the years the Club slipped into what might be defined as a fairly regular routine.

Each year there was a Christmas party for the old folks with some entertainment and Christmas fair; this has been called the Pie and Pea supper. Residents from local care homes, along with their carers where required, were invited to The Miners Welfare Club for the evening. Entertainment was sometimes provided by a local school choir and always by Lorraine Swan who sang all the well known Christmas songs. Two games of Bingo were included and a raffle. Usually between 100 and 120 attended.

A local butcher provided hot tray baked pies and peas and these were served to the guests by Rotarians and their wives.

Spring outing: Originally this was a day out for older residents. This could be to Buxton or a large Garden Centre where afternoon tea was provided. In later years this became afternoon tea at the Olde House with Bingo and entertainment.

In the autumn a Rotary Ball was held at a local hotel or dance venue. The annual ball became part of the Chesterfield social calendar and was much looked forward to.

The ball was held every year except one early on in the Second World War when because of the problems blacking out the windows and the introduction of food rationing, it had to be postponed for several months.



National Anniversaries Celebrated

Local national anniversaries were celebrated for a number of years. At the annual Burns Night Supper the national poet of Scotland was celebrated where the Scots, and others, wore their national kilts. The pipes played as the haggis was ceremonially paraded in and, following the Address to the Haggis, it was served with neeps and tatties, along with the special gravy (whisky). These dinners were held at a local hostelry and were well attended, not only by Rotarians from Chesterfield but from other clubs, and also by Scots living away from their hometowns.

Not to be outdone, the English members felt they should celebrate St George's Day and Rotarians were encouraged in April to attend carrying a Union Jack. The club also held a dedicated social occasion to celebrate England's Patron Saint, and our great country. This included the 'ancient ceremony of the roast beef', and the enthusiastic singing of English anthems.

In this way national community was celebrated. There were a number of Irish and Welsh rotary members in the club and one of the few Welsh speaking members was a local headmaster, Rotarian Alan Jones, and he always, when it was his turn to say Grace at the weekly meeting, would say it in Welsh. Mind you, Rotarian Martin Eyre used always to say Grace in Latin, but as we never knew what he was saying so no-one really knew who he might be celebrating.



Rotarians Stuart Bradley, Jim Savage and Jim Haggarty join Pipe Major Tom Varley in welcoming the haggis carried by long standing club caterer Ann Innes



Rotarians Mike Hadfield and Mike Cudzic-Madry celebrate Saint George's Day

Interaction with other Rotary Clubs

Another example of cooperation with other Rotary Clubs is the Ashover Car Show. This is now run together with Scarsdale and Matlock Rotary Clubs. This event is scheduled for the mid to end of July on a Sunday. Each club has a specific task - Signage, Stalls Ticketing and Show Parking. All profits are split equally between the clubs for charities of their own choice.



There were other friendly rivalries too.

The District, which includes Sheffield, has a number of clubs and one of these Sheffield clubs challenged the members of Chesterfield Rotary Club to a golf match. Fortunately, Chesterfield won and the competition became the precedent for a series of golf matches between Chesterfield and other Rotary Clubs. Later Rotarian Ted Needham presented a trophy to Chesterfield Club that could be played for at the annual Golf Match and became another feature of the Rotary year.

Bannerettes

Over the years it became the practice of Rotarians visiting another club to bring with them a bannerette from their own club. This usually depicted the badge of the club and Chesterfield joined in this practice by producing a bannerette in 1954, designed by a local art designer which consisted of images of Chesterfield Crooked Spire with the Rotary Wheel with its engineered edge.

Some hundreds of these were printed and when a Chesterfield member visited a foreign club he would take with him a Chesterfield bannerette to exchange for a bannerette of the club he was visiting. In a short time



Chesterfield bannerette

Chesterfield collected a number of these little bannerette flags, from Darmstadt Germany, Hawkesbury Ontario Canada, Moriguchi Japan, Rosario Argentina, Uppsala Sweden and it became the practice for a number of these to be displayed in a small rack of bannerette flags placed in front of the President's rostrum.



Some of the 100 or so bannerettes at the club

Rotary International

Rotary International was keen to sow the seeds of membership and so introduced a fellowship funded by the American Foundation Trust which provided funds for young people from clubs to travel to foreign countries for several weeks, to experience life and work in America. Competition for this Foundation experience was keen and it was some time before Chesterfield was successful in getting sponsorship. In 1977 David Windle, a local school master, was accepted to travel to America as the leader of a team of young men who had been given this special opportunity. On his return he gave a very interesting talk on his experiences, later joined Rotary and in due time became President of the club.

The following is his recollection of that trip:-

A Rotary International Group Study Exchange Team comprises a maximum of 6 non-Rotarian young professionals with a Rotarian leader who represent their district on a visit to another district in another country. Consequently after interviews, in April 1977, seven men left their families, friends and Rotary District 1220, and travelled to Michigan, USA. I was proposed by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield and was fortunate to be given time from work to experience this exchange. The reception we received during the six-week stay was truly amazing. Each member of the team spent one week studying

their own profession in Michigan, comparing and contrasting methods and facilities with those at home. Education is about motivation and enthusiasm, and it was fascinating to see at first—hand, musical education of a very high standard in America. The School Band was prestigious; instruments provided and rehearsal time included on the timetable. I witnessed the delight of young people making music and was inspired to get back to work at home! Social and economic issues were frequently discussed when we visited 48 Rotary Clubs in 42 days. The staple menu seemed to be meatloaf, but the style of meetings varied enormously from formal to meetings where Rotarians arrived in their work clothes and boots. We visited the state capital, met members of parliament; attended the local penitentiary and spent time with the police force and visited several factories producing aluminium for the Detroit car manufacturing industry. Host families made the experience unforgettable with their generosity to all of us. Preconceived opinions about Americans soon disappeared, although it was true they didn't walk anywhere! On our return to England we visited many Rotary Clubs to share our experiences and memories and eventually the team members became members of Rotary International. I will always be grateful to the Rotary Club of Chesterfield for sponsoring me and allowing me such an marvellous opportunity.

Club receives major award:

The Rotary Club of Chesterfield was adjudged the best all-round club, out of 69 clubs in the district, for Rotary Year 2016-17. The Gordon Taylor Trophy for the Best Club in District 1220 was presented by district governor Michael Longdon on his official visit to the club on Friday 7 July 2017. This prestigious award not only recognises the club's varied programme of charitable projects, but success in promoting Rotary's aims by the innovative setting up of an associated satellite club for busy younger business people in the area - the first such club in District 1220.

Long Service Award: A long-serving Rotarian has been recognised for completing 50 years of Rotary service. Past president David Jenkins CStJ,

PHF, was awarded a long-service certificate and a special 50 year Rotary badge at the club meeting on Friday 2 August 2019 by president Nigel Metham. David Jenkins, 95, whose profession was Coal Industry Administration, first joined the Rotary Club of Chesterfield in March 1969 and has been a regular attender ever since. He was club president in 1981-82 and is the first of three Rotarians being recognised by the club this year.

Other long service award recipients include Ian Gaunt (Past President), David Parker and Jim Boden, receiver of both a 50 and 55 year award.





Past-president David Jenkins, CStJ, PHF, (left) is presented with a rare 50 year long-service award by president Nigel Metham (right)

Paul Harris Fellows

Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary and the Paul Harris Fellowship is presented to Rotarians who have given service to promoting Rotary and its aims. It is Rotary's top honour.

The recipient is not aware that they have been nominated until they actually receive the award.

Many Chesterfield club members have received Paul Harris Fellowships for their work and service.



Past President Nigel Metham (left) being presented with his Paul Harris Fellowship by club president Paul Davies

Chesterfield Rotary Presidents

Sir Ernest Shentall JP	1923/24	A Pearsall	1976/77
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W Edmunds OBE JP	1925/26	S Fraser*	1978/79
W E Wakerley	1926/27	R E Beresford	1979/80
J H Green	1927/28	A Taylor*	1980/81
H J Watson JP	1928/29	D E Jenkins* CStJ	1981/82
S C Greaves	1929/30	R B Robinson OBE JP	1982/83
E A Barker	1930/31	A N Crookes* MBE DFC	1983/84
P M Robinson JP	1931/32	J P Graham OBE	1984/85
C H Calway	1932/33	M Kennedy	1985/86
W C Coxall	1933/34	W T N Scott	1986/87
H P Short OBE	1934/35	D M Longden*	1987/88
J E Bird JP	1935/36	C E Needham CBE	1988/89
G F Kirk	1936/37	R Willett*	1989/90
Sir George Kenning JP	1937/38	M A Hadfield* OBE JP	1990/91
J S Askwith	1938/39	K R Unwin	1991/92
F Jackson JP	1939/40	C G Bates	1992/93
C Boldry	1940/41	P S Rhodes*	1993/94
S T Rodgers	1941/42	J G Wilkins	1994/95
J M Reeve	1942/43	J Heath*	1995/96
T P Haslam	1943/44	D Dolman*	1996/97
A Adams	1944/45	R Dryden	1997/98
H Shentall OBE	1945/46	K F Mohamad JP	1998/99
H C Day MBE	1946/47	J P Savage*, MBE	1999/00
W S Wilson MBE	1947/48	E I Gaunt*	2000/01
G W Hindle MC	1948/49	M J Horton*	2001/02
C A Dauncey	1949/50	J M Moss*	2002/03
C A Proctor	1950/51	T A Stubbins	2003/04
G J Edmunds JP	1951/52	G O Mitchell*	2004/05
J H Hodkin	1952/53	Revd R Watts	2005/06
J B Cutts	1953/54	J P Hare*	2006/07
A G Brayshaw	1954/55	D E Windle*	2007/08
M H Boone	1955/56	B M White*	2008/09
F Simms	1956/57	S N Bradley*	2009/10
A Greenhough	1957/58	J G Keeton*	2010/11
A F Pates	1958/59	E A Clarke*	2011/12
A Livesey	1959/60	J Haggarty*	2012/13
C E Goodwin	1960/61	M Cudzich-Madry*	2013/14
E Longbottom	1961/62	J L Roberts*	2014/15
T Bucknall MBE	1962/63	R G Wadd*	
F A Barker	1963/64	D Dolman*	2015/16
B C Willett	1964/65	E I Gaunt*	
R T Downham*	1965/66	M A Hadfield* OBE JP	
W Bailey JP	1966/67	M Cudzich-Mądry*	2016/17
N Southern	1967/68	P I Barr	2017/18
AB Robinson	1968/69	B Thompson	2018/19
A E Brocklehurst	1969/70	N Metham*	2019/20
T A Blyton	1970/71	G Freeman*	2020/21
R G Hayes	1971/72	N Metham*	2021/22
JR Sanderson	1972/73	P R Davies*	2022/23
E H Grosvenor*	1973/74		
J Madin	1974/75		
H Oliver*	1975/76		

*Denotes Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)

Celebrating The Centenary Of Rotary International

Rotarians in Chesterfield and District joined fellow members across the World to celebrate the centenary of Rotary International, first launched by Chicago lawyer Paul Harris in February 1905.

Tree Cheers For Ton-Up Club

Schoolchildren helped sow the seeds of the future to celebrate this landmark anniversary in February 2005. Youngsters from

Wigley Primary and Brimington Junior schools joined leaders of Chesterfield Rotary Club to plant 100 trees at Holmebrook Valley Country Park – to mark Rotary’s centenary. They were chosen to perform the honours after triumphing in a tree-themed poster competition organised by the club. Geoff Mitchell, club president, said: “One hundred years is a milestone for any organisation. As the original concept of service to others never goes out of fashion, we hope that Rotary will thrive for many years to come.”



Tree planting at Holmebrook Valley Park (2005)

Rotarians Relocate In Centenary Year

Chesterfield Rotary Club moved to a new home venue in July 2005 after holding meetings at the old Chester Street Miners Welfare for the previous 35 years. The club were welcomed to the newly refurbished Olde House hotel and restaurant by managers Julie and Gerrard Wood. Club president, Geoff Mitchell said: "As Rotary enters a new century of service to the community this timely relocation gives our club a fresh start." This is only the third move for the Rotary Club of Chesterfield since it was originally set up in 1922. Its early meetings were held at the Station Hotel (later the Chesterfield Hotel). Then, after a long spell at the Odeon Restaurant, the club moved to Chester Street in the early seventies.

A long-serving Rotarian received welcome recognition at the first club meeting at the Olde House. Former headmaster of William Rhodes Primary School, Alec Taylor, was presented with a 'Commitment to Service Award' in a surprise visit by District Governor John Kirkland. It recognised his long-standing active service over nearly 40 years, which had never diminished despite suffering the effects of a stroke some three years earlier. This was one of only five special Centenary Awards made to worthy Rotarians in the District.



The start of a new era at The Olde House (2005)

Centenary Celebrations at Chatsworth

Local Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Bakewell, Buxton, Chesterfield and Matlock, organised a special celebration event in partnership with Chatsworth House, as the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire wished to be associated with Rotary's Centenary. It was held on the evening of Saturday 18 June 2005 and attended by 1,300 Rotarians, their families, friends, and members of closely linked organisations, such as Inner Wheel, Interact, and Probus clubs. Musical entertainment was provided by the

ever-popular Al Needham Jazz Band, and the Ocho Rios Steel Band from Rugby. Chatsworth gardeners gave short talks in key parts of the garden. The Empress Fountain, rose from it's normal 60 feet, to a spectacular height of 200 feet especially for the occasion. Chesterfield Rotary's share of the resulting profits were later donated to Ashgate Hospice towards a special gardening project.



Celebrating 100 Years at Chatsworth House

Satellite Rotary Club of Chesterfield

By 2016 it was clearly time to look to the long term future of the Club. Working practices have changed over the 100 years of the Club's life, people are no longer able to meet weekly for lunch and the average age of the Rotarian members was becoming ever higher. Chesterfield Club was one of the first to form a second club comprised of younger members who, although technically part of the Rotary Club of Chesterfield, met at a different time in a different place and made their own arrangements for their own community and social activities.

The idea of forming a satellite group was first discussed in 2013. There then followed extensive discussion about where new, younger members would come from; what would attract them to the new group as opposed to the main club; and the legal aspects of how this would fit with the Rotary constitution.

When the club was ready family and friends of members were invited to an initial meeting. The first meeting took place on 27th January 2016 at Calabria Restaurant. 25 potential members attended that first meeting. BRM Solicitors were very supportive of the new group: they funded the cost of refreshments and three of their staff became founder members. This whole process was driven forward by Rotarian Rob Wadd with the support of Rotarians Rob Woodhead, Nigel Metham and John Roberts.

The first ten founder members of the Rotary Satellite Club of Chesterfield were inducted into

Rotary International by Chesterfield Rotary president Ian Gaunt at the club's monthly meeting held at The Manor at Brampton on Wed 25 May 2016.

The club's first Chair, Peter Blant said: "My aim as chair is to get the group established and set the foundations for this group to prosper in the future.

"I have always been a strong supporter of the Rotary movement but have not been able to commit the time during normal working hours. The new group has been designed to cater for people who work and may struggle to commit to a weekly lunchtime meeting. So we intend to meet monthly on a Wednesday at 5:30pm so that people can attend on their way home from work.

"The meetings are very upbeat with lots of energy and good ideas being shared. It has been a great way to make new friends and contacts from the local business community.

"Our main objective is to support local causes in our community and make a difference whilst having fun in doing it."

Also attending the historic induction ceremony were representatives from Rotary District 1220, and members of the Chesterfield Club, who welcomed the new Rotarians into the worldwide movement of Rotary International and wished the new club well.



The initial Satellite Club meeting at Calabria Restaurant, Chesterfield



The founder members of the Satellite Club are inducted President Ian Gaunt in 2016



Satellite Club Meetings



Satellite Club cheque presentation to local charities

There is still some considerable overlap in the professions of our younger Satellite members, with the original 1922 classifications. We now have IT professionals and an emerging technology consultant and professions which would not have been around in 1922. Many professions are still represented, but not the manufacturers, engineers or retail shops which were present in earlier years. Many of them will have mostly been swept up into national and international chains.

The Satellite Club began to build momentum when it started to get involved in running events and organising events of its own.

The parent club has been running the annual Classic Car show at Renishaw for many years. The Satellite members took part in that, providing people to operate the gate, collect money and help in car parks. Subsequently they took on full responsibility for the planning and running of that major event.

They organised a "bring and share" social evening which was great fun, raised a bit of money from rolling coins at a whisky bottle, and saw a presentation from local youngster Andrew Davies who exceeded his target of £150,000, raising money for Sheffield Children's Hospital.

The first major event that they organised was the quiz night. That was a great success and their annual quiz night and pie and pea supper is a fixture in the club calendar which has raised thousands of pounds for local charities.





The Classic Car Show at Renishaw Hall

In 2020, during the Covid pandemic, the club was determined not to allow that to halt proceedings, and the quiz was moved online. Legendary comedian, Bernie Clifton, was recruited to help host the event and over 100 families joined in the Zoom quiz, including one in Australia and one in California. The event raised a stunning £3,000.

They have also, gradually, taken over the running of existing club activities including three competitions for school children : public speaking, junior verse and the art exhibition.

Apart from inheriting projects from the parent club, and organising their own programme of activities, the Satellite Club have also supported activities organised by other organisations.

They have supplied volunteer marshals to the Scarcliffe Soapbox Derby; have sent a team along to help in the running of the Chesterfield half marathon (which they have now done for three years); have helped run a successful jumble sale for our local special educational school; and have run a number of successful fashion evenings.



Quiz night 2021



Marshalling at the Scarcliffe Soapbox Derby



A club meeting on Zoom during the pandemic

The present and the future for Chesterfield Rotary

So, as we reach 2022, and the 100th anniversary of Chesterfield Rotary's formation, we find ourselves in strange times. For the last two years our normal programme of activities has been disrupted significantly by the Covid pandemic. In March 2020 all meetings and events were stopped, and we found ourselves having to devise new ways of operating.

Like most clubs, we soon discovered the value of Zoom and began to hold our regular meetings online. It wasn't the same as meeting face-to-face, but it enabled us to keep in touch and to keep planning activities that would benefit our local community. Our annual classic Car Show at Renishaw was due to take place in June of 2020. It seemed obvious that this would be cancelled, but Satellite Club Chair Andrew Thompson said "let's do it online". So sponsors were signed up, people sent in photos of their classic cars which we posted online, and we collected donations through every online medium possible. Later that year the annual quiz was also able to continue by taking it online.

During the period when we were not able to meet face to face, members generously donated the money that they would have spent on meals at meetings to provide much needed funds for

local foodbanks. Over £5,000 was distributed to three local foodbanks in that way.

In May 2021 we managed to squeeze in a most enjoyable walk around Linacre, followed by an outdoor (socially-distanced!) pie and pea supper. We were delighted to be out and about again and enjoying the friendship of our fellow Rotarians.

In June 2021, as the virus subsided, we were able to run the Classic Car show at Renishaw again, one of the first such events to take place following the lifting of restrictions. The turnout of classic car enthusiasts, keen to show their vehicles was bigger than ever and, despite the fact that the event clashed with the England v Germany Euros football match, we were able to raise a tidy sum for our local charities. In July 2021 the Ashgate Classic Car show was able to take place again, jointly run by Matlock, Chesterfield Scarsdale and Chesterfield Rotary. And in October 2021 we were able to host a large gathering of Rotarians, charity guests and other friends at one of our largest annual Charter celebrations for many years.

Internationally, we have been raising funds to build a school in Nepal and have, of course, been making donations to relief efforts in Ukraine.



Satellite club members enjoy an evening's Axe Throwing!

A Satellite Club walk around Linacre Reservoirs



Looking forward, we now see a thriving programme of activities: social; fundraising; and community service. In July 2022 the Satellite Chair, Ivona Bradley, handed over to incoming chair Ingrid Stopher: our Satellite club having now grown to the point where, during 2022-23, it will take over fully the running of Chesterfield Rotary. The club is in very good hands and we look forward to the start of its next 100 years.



Chesterfield Rotary (front row) compete against Matlock Rotary

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