



# ROTARY INTEREST EVENT

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Introduction

I am just going to take a few minutes to give you an overview of our club

- Who**      Who are we
- The Rotary Club of Fakenham & District was originally founded in 1959 as an organisation of professional and business men & women. We have now become a wider organisation which welcomes people from all walks of life.
  - Who am I - a pocket history – my 3<sup>rd</sup> time as a Rotarian (expand)
  - we are each a small cog in the big Rotary wheel
  - we are ordinary people living, working, retired in the Fakenham area
  - we are a club and like all clubs we have a set of rules and a vision of what Rotary and us strive to achieve
  - **That vision being to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.**

## What

What we do

- hold fund raising events (expand) such as:

**Musical evenings** where we have featured the Fakenham Academy Big Band, the RAF Marham Military Wives Choir, Fakenham Town Band & the Cambridge Chord Company, Old time Music Hall.

**Fun and fellowship events** such as: Murder mystery evenings, Quiz Nights, Theatre visits, bowls tournaments, Golf days, and Race Nights.

**Future events** – a list can be seen on the display boards

- we involve ourselves in our **community** as much as we can through the **projects** we get involved with such as: working with the Norfolk Fire Service in order to fit smoke alarms in the homes of vulnerable people. We have made donations to purchase the smoke alarms. This has helped to save lives in the Fakenham area.
- we support and sponsor youth projects such as RYLA
- invite guest speakers from charity or interest groups to raise our awareness of what others
- we make grants and donations to local charities and deserving individuals who need assistance – such as Norfolk Blood Bikers, Admiral Nurses, Fakenham Dementia Group, providing dictionaries to local schools

- What** Wider benefit do we get out of being part of Rotary?
- we (and you) get out of it what we put into it
  - a sense of achievement and satisfaction
  - the opportunity to meet and visit other Rotarians at their clubs locally, or in other parts of the country or internationally
  - of being part of the worldwide Rotary family

- Why** Why we do it
- we believe we can and do make a difference by helping internationally and locally
  - because we are all likeminded in our wish to give something back to our community
  - we see Rotary as the vehicle by which we can help
  - because we all have something to offer through the skills we have acquired and through our work and life experiences
  - explain the significance of the trombone – reference to the skills we acquire and how using one skill can lead to using other skills we have (expand) - but it could be anything, a spade, a computer a spanner, a screwdriver
  - because we enjoy being part of an organisation dedicated to making a difference

**So - Why become a Rotarian?**

**TO GIVE BACK LOCALLY AND**

**BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN DOING IT**

**Where**    Where we do it    -    Fund raising in the Fakenham & District area

Weekly meetings (expand) at Sports Centre

**When**    When we do it - we do it all year round

- we have weekly meetings (expand)

## **How** to be part of it...      **JOIN US**

There are many ways you can be part of our Rotary Club:

You could join our club as a **FULL MEMBER** - we offer two ways of becoming and paying for full membership:

1. Traditionally our members have paid a monthly standing order of £50 to cover club membership and weekly meals, plus two 6 monthly membership payments to Rotary International and our East Anglian District 1080.
2. We now offer what we refer to as “flexible membership” where there is no expectation to attend meetings every week or to participate in meals if you don’t want to. All membership payments are reduced into a smaller monthly standing order plus an initial joining fee. The initial joining fee is £50 plus one monthly membership fee of £13.50 followed by a monthly standing order payment of £13.50. If you wish to attend a meeting and join the other members for a meal you do this on a “pay as you go” basis where it is your responsibility to book your meal in good time and to pay for it at the bar.

You could join us as a **FRIEND OF ROTARY**

This means that you do not become a member unless you want to but we would like to keep in contact with you and:

- seek your help participating in our fund raising events;
- invite you to attend club meetings when we have speakers;
- invite you to attend club guest nights
- receive regular updates regarding what’s going on

You could be part of a **Satellite Group**

**INTERESTED?      WHY NOT JOIN US.**

**You will be very welcome.**

Please speak to any Rotarian to find out more.