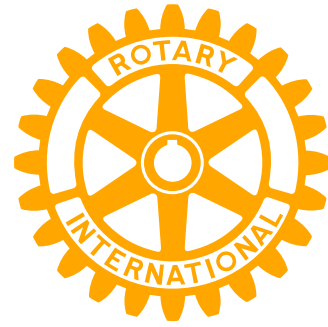


Rotary Club of Whickham

Charity No. 1143476



Covering Whickham, Swalwell, Lobley Hill, Dunston, Sunnyside, Marley Hill & Byermoor

Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2016



Community Fund - Clothes Appeal

We are really pleased with our clothes collection bins. 100% of the money raised from the clothes will be put back into our community through the Rotary Club of Whickham's community fund.

The collection bins are located in the Coachman car park and Marley Hill Community Centre car park. Please donate and help us raise as much as we can together. In the last 9 months with your donations we have raised £886.63. Please read this newsletter to see how some of the money has contributed to some great causes.



Fun at the Fayre

What a fantastic day at the May Fayre. The weather held out it was great to see so many families having fun. The Fayre really is a great community event, also helping so many charities raise much needed funds along the way.

We'd better start collecting more teddies and soft toys for next year. If you would like to donate any teddies or soft toys you can drop them in to Laura or Nicola at Rose Villa Day Nursery who have kindly offered to collect them for us.

DIARY DATES

9th July

Come and visit us at the Lighting up Whickham Summer Festival, St. Mary's Green
10am - 3pm

9th September

Chinese Banquet @ The Pagoda
Charity fundraiser (£20 per head)
Tickets available now
E: events@whickhamrotary.co.uk

8th October

Annual Autumn Ball
Charity Evening (£29.50 per head)
Lancastrian Suite, Dunston
3 Course Meal + Entertainment
7pm - Late
Tickets available now
E: events@whickhamrotary.co.uk

Rotary Club of Whickham

Weekly Meeting
Every Wednesday 7pm
Bay Horse, Whickham

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Our Community News

Community Fund

In November 2015 the members of the Rotary Club of Whickham decided to set up the "Whickham Rotary Community Fund", the purpose of which is to raise money locally to be used for small grants within the surrounding communities of: Whickham, Swalwell, Lobley Hill, Dunston, Sunnyside, Marley Hill & Byer Moor.

Two clothes collection bins were purchased with the assistance of a grant and are sited in the car parks of the Coachman pub and the Marley Hill Community Centre and collecting bottles are now in pubs and businesses around the local villages. Events have been organised and donations have been received. All of the proceeds are used locally as community grants.

From November 2015 until July 2016 the Rotary Club of Whickham has made 16 donations to a total of £3,547.99 to assist local people, schools and community groups.

If you would like further information or advice please email: communityfund@whickhamrotary.co.uk or contact any member of the Rotary Club of Whickham.



Rotarian Ronnie Hart presenting a cheque to Lighting up Whickham

The Lighting up Whickham group made up of local volunteers is supported by Whickham Rotary Club and Rose Villa Nursery; several local residents also support the group by donating small amounts on a regular basis.



The group has organised a Summer Festival, with a sixties theme, on St Mary's Green, Saturday 9th July from 10 am until 3 pm with stalls and lively entertainment.

Come along and bring the children to enjoy the festival and help fund this year's Christmas tree.

Fellside School

Joanne Auton a member of the Whickham Rotary Club surrounded by pupils of Fellside Community Primary School was pleased to present the school with a cheque towards its fund-raising efforts towards the cost of a simple fully automatic defibrillator. These life-saving devices are designed to be used by responders with little or no experience to assist those who have suffered a sudden cardiac arrest.

A clear display tells the user when the defibrillator is ready for operation and sounds voice prompts to help explain what to do and how to keep the user calm under pressure; a useful addition to the welfare of staff, visitors and pupils.



Leia Zhu

Earlier in this year our club extended their huge congratulations to Leia Zhu, a year 4 pupil at Fellside Primary School. Leia was awarded 1st place at the International Russian Rotary children's music competition in Moscow.

8 year old Leia made history by being the youngest ever prize winner as well as being the 1st British winner in the competition's history.

The Rotary Club of Whickham endorsed Leia's application for this competition and are delighted with her amazing success. Well done Leia you are a true star!



Senior Guides

Whickham Senior Section (Girl Guiding) thoroughly enjoyed their trip to London to celebrate the 'Senior Section' Centenary.

Whickham Rotary was able to support them through the community fund to help towards the cost of the travel.

This donation made the trip possible and apart from the bad weather, the girls had a great time away.

Planting up Whickham

Whickham Rotary have supported Planting Up Whickham, funding one of the Church Green display beds.

Planting up Whickham is a group of local residents who have stepped in to keep the village looking great. New volunteers are always welcome and no experience is required. You can follow the group on facebook to find out further information.



Gibside School

Rotarian Joanne Auton (bottom left) of Whickham Rotary Club on a visit to Gibside School Whickham, which caters for children with special educational needs, to support the school with its project to maintain the existing hydrotherapy pool and efforts to raise funds to replace it with a new larger model which would better serve the needs of the pupils. The costs of this ambitious undertaking are estimated in the region of £1 million pounds, an enormous challenge. However the head teacher (right) and her staff are exploring plans to develop the hydro-pool as a community resource. Good luck to the school; if you would like to help in any way please contact the school on 0191 441 0123, or visit: gibsideschool@gateshead.gov.uk



Whickham Hermitage Community Garden

Whickham Rotary have made a donation to The Community Garden to support summer activities for local children.

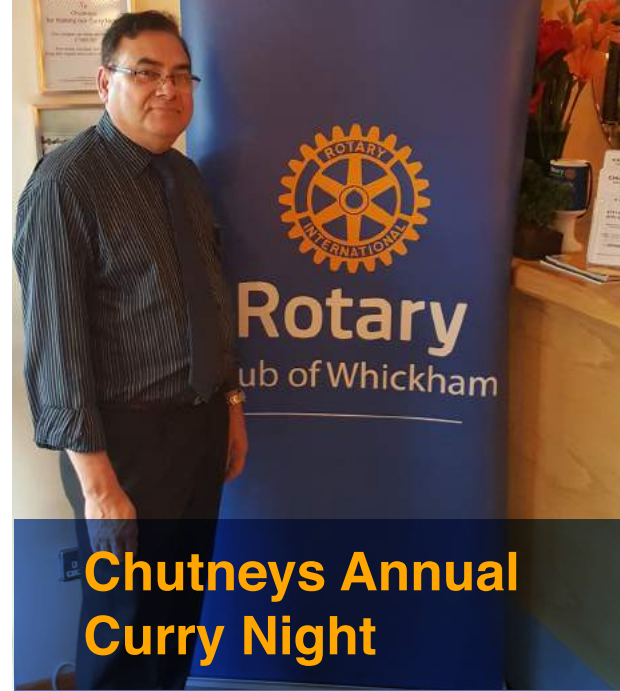
The garden is located behind the Community Centre if you would like to visit.



Whickham Community Centre

The community centre's Wednesday lunch Club and the Wednesday Club offer a healthy lunch followed by companionship for older people. Whickham Rotary Club made a donation to cover the hire of a larger bus for the clubs' expanding attendance at their annual trip to Gilsland Spa Hotel.

This was followed by a further donation to assist with the community centre's pre-school activities for young children.



Chutneys Annual Curry Night

A fantastic night at Chutneys for our

annual curry night with entertainment by the fabulous musician Matty Rayson and magician Brendan Drury.

Over £900 was raised and split between our Rotary Community Fund and Neuroblastoma UK for childhood cancer. A big thank you to Mr Chowdhury and his team for another great night.

Rotary Collection Bottles

A big thank you to all the businesses that are supporting the community fund and displaying one of our collection tubs. In the last 9 months we have raised £289.05 for the community fund.

If you are a business owner or work for a business in this area please let us know if you would be happy to display one of our collection bottles.

E: communityfund@whickhamrotary.co.uk



Fellside Under 8's

Fellside under 8's with their new jackets bought for them by Whickham Rotary Club. Keeping them warm on a freezing cold morning brrrrr!



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INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS



Rotary International has been involved with the work to eradicate Polio worldwide since 1979, during that time we have worked with other organisations such as UNICEF; WHO, and the Bill Gates Foundation.

Although polio has not been seen in Great Britain and Ireland for many years, it is vital that we continue our efforts to eliminate the disease worldwide in order that it can never return. Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland have so far donated £20 million to End Polio Now and we Rotarians in Whickham have played our part in this long, but fantastic, scheme.

No child ever should suffer from the completely preventable disease. Today there are only two countries on earth, Pakistan and Afghanistan, where polio has never been stopped.

The Rotary Club of Whickham will continue to support this project until Polio is finally eradicated.

Rotary International and its project partner ShelterBox combine resources to provide vital life saving supplies and emergency shelter to support families around the world who are overwhelmed by disasters and humanitarian crises.

The Rotary Club of Whickham, one of 35,000 clubs worldwide, has raised and contributed funds to assist ShelterBox during many previous humanitarian emergencies. Each shelter box costs £590 and typically includes: a tent for a family; thermal blankets; groundsheets; solar lamps; cooking utensils; a basic tool kit; mosquito nets; children's activity pack, and water purification equipment and storage facilities.

This year we held a Chinese banquet fundraising event and also displayed the tent and equipment on St Mary's Green. In total we raised enough funds to purchase two shelter boxes that will be deployed in the next crisis that requires aid.



Organisations the Rotary Club of Whickham have supported in 2015/16

Emmanuel College
Belarus orphanage
Neuroblastoma UK
Freeman Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit
Shelterbox
Daniel Rainbow Neuroblastoma Journey
Whickham Swalwell Community music
Lighting up Whickham
Royal British Legion
Whickham Seniors
Local Flood relief
Whickham Community Centre
Planting Up Whickham
Senior Guides

Kandy Appeal
Great North Air Ambulance
Equal Arts
Gateshead Whickham ASC
Swalwell Community Centre
Whickham Veteran Bowls Club
Newcastle Eagles
Rainbow Trust
Friends of Chase Park
Freeman Children's Heart Unit
Gibside School
Fellside Under 8's
Fellside Community Primary School

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

"Lovely to see the rotary club still helping in girlguiding. The rotary club donated some money to help me represent the region at a scout camp in Austria in 2000. It was a brilliant trip and your help was much appreciated!"

"A massive thank you to the Rotary club and everyone who helped to raise the funds, it is extremely appreciated by the people helped by the donations"

"Excellent to see locally raised funds being put back into the community where it's needed most."

"Great work Whickham Rotary and long may it continue"

"The most successful and amazing charity night I have attended in the 30 years I have been involved with charity and community work. News on the final total has me "jumping"

ROTARY FACTS

Rotary was started in 1905 by four businessmen. There are 35,000 Rotary clubs throughout the world.

There are more than 1.2 million members across more than 200 countries.

By combining skills and resources, rotary members are able to make a real contribution to the lives of others - locally, nationally and internationally

GET INVOLVED

Members of the Rotary Club of Whickham are both male and female and range between the age of 36 and 80. Anyone is welcome to visit the club if you would like to get involved in our community.

If you would like to come along to visit, please email: secretary@whickhamrotary.co.uk

Rotary Club of Whickham Weekly Meeting Every Wednesday 7pm Bay Horse, Whickham

email: news@whickhamrotary.co.uk



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