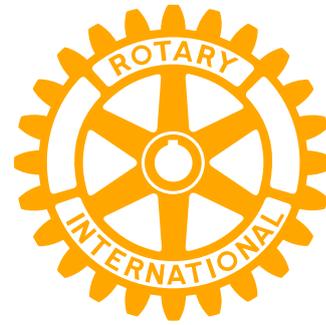


Rotary Club of Whickham

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Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2016/17



Lighting Up Whickham

The President of the Rotary Club of Whickham Christopher Ord was pleased to present two pull up banners to the Lighting up Whickham group to be used in publicising their events. The banners were designed and produced by a local businessman Rotarian David Auton.

The secretary of the group, Lorena Dayson, said that since the start of austerity measures there would no longer be a Christmas tree in Whickham without the support of donations from residents and local sponsors, one of which is Whickham Rotary Club which assists with planning; event documentation, and annual donations.

This year Lighting Up Whickham will hold a Summer Fayre in the village on Saturday 22nd July.



Christmas Window Competition



Whickham Rotary Club's Christmas Window Competition 2016 was judged on Saturday 17th December by the Deputy Mayor of Gateshead Councillor Pauline Dillon who was accompanied by the president of the Rotary club Rotarian Christopher Ord and his wife Amelia.

The Deputy Mayor later attended the meeting of Whickham Rotary Club on Wednesday 11th January 2017 to present prizes to the winners and runners up of the Christmas Windows Competition 2016.

The Deputy Mayor presented the 1st prize of £100 to staff from Barnardo's charity shop which she had chosen for its wonderful hand crafted and colourful Christmas theme.

The runners up, who received a prize of £50, were Sarah Mains Estate Agents with their magnificent display across the front of their premises in The Square off Front Street.

The prizes will be donated by the winners to their chosen charities: the Alzheimer's Society UK and the local Barnardo's branch.

Thanks to all our Whickham businesses, your displays help make the shopping area warm and colourful leading up to Christmas and to our Deputy Mayor who spent a Saturday morning on a cold December day meeting everyone and spreading a little Christmas cheer.

Remembrance Sunday 2016

Rotarian George Craig of Whickham Rotary Club with Ian Proud of the Gateshead Branch the Royal British Legion at the Poppy Stand in the Metrocentre; George presented a donation to the RBL and collected wreaths for the Whickham & Swalwell Cenotaphs.

President Christopher Ord lays one of the wreaths at the Whickham Service of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November 2016.

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Who Are We?

We are men and women of Whickham and its surrounding communities who share an interest in helping others through membership of the Rotary Club of Whickham. We're part of the worldwide organisation known as Rotary International with more than 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs throughout the developed World.

What Do We Do?

We concentrate the major part of our activities helping local groups especially those involving the elderly and children and occasionally members of our community who, through no fault of their own, have fallen on difficult financial times where small confidential donations have a huge impact on the lives of families.

However, we do not disregard international problems, especially natural disasters or the aftermath of war.

How Do We Do It?

During 2016 we raised the sum of £15,266.31 by way of functions, street collections, community fayres, collecting bottles in local business premises and our two clothes banks situated in the car parks of the Coachman Pub and Marley Hill Community Centre.

£15,266.31 Raised
£12,009.77 Donated

From the above total we made 45 donations of various amounts to a total of £12,009.77. You may have helped us at our street collections at Saint Mary's Green in aid of the Wheelchair Foundation and ShelterBox, two international aid charities which we support. A huge thank you from all our members to everyone who has contributed in any way by helping us to help others.

Get Involved

Whickham Rotary Club meets most Wednesday evenings in the Bay Horse, Whickham, where we have speakers, social evenings and once a month to discuss Rotary business. You might wish to consider becoming a member of Rotary or enquire about a donation, for more information contact the club secretary at: info@whickhamrotary.co.uk



Organisations the Rotary Club of Whickham have supported in 2016/17

Emmanuel College, Special Olympic Gateshead, Washingwell Community Primary School, Fellside Youth Football Club, Wheelchair Foundation UK, Blaydon RFC Under 14's, End Polio Now, Swalwell Community Group, British Red Cross, Clover Hill School, Children's Foundation, Bay Horse (Super Santa Sunday), Rotary Foundation, Gateshead & Whickham ASC, Whickham ATC, Bradley Lowery Appeal, Lighting up Whickham, Fellside Community Primary School, Childrens Heart Foundation Freeman, Royal British Legion, Gibside School, Whickham Community Centre, 6 Confidential Donations, Whickham Senior Section Girl Guiding, Fellside Under 8's, Kingsmeadow Royal Basket Ball Club.

Our Community News

Blaydon Rugby Club Under 14's



Rotarian Joanne Auton of Whickham Rotary Club heard from Stephen Davidson, the coach of the under 14's team at Blaydon Rugby Club, that the young players needed new jerseys in the club's colours. Fund raising was in play but was nowhere near their goal, therefore they had to try harder to cross the line or the idea could be kicked into touch.

She passed the ball to the Rotary Club who picked it up and ran with it to their community fund members who huddled in a scrum, did a double shuffle, hooked it away and won the day.

Result Joanne visited the team before a match and cheered them on with a body cheque towards the new shirts. Whickham Rotary Club members wish the young players success in their new strips.

Super Santa Sunday at the Bay Horse

Joanne at the popular Whickham pub the "Bay Horse" asked Whickham Rotary Club members if they could provide a present for their "Super Santa Sunday" Kid's Party the purpose of which would be twofold: to give local children a party while at the same time gather presents to be distributed to local children by the members of the Salvation Army.

Who would dare refuse a request from the lovely, but formidable, Joanne? Certainly not the Whickham rotarians; a quick whip round raised sufficient funds to purchase not 1 but 21 presents which were donated to the "Super Santa Sunday". Well done to the proprietor Dionne, her staff and customers at the Bay Horse; the members of Whickham Rotary Club, and the local Salvation Army who have given their combined time and resources to help others at this special time of year.



Rotarians Joan Craig and David Bolland of Whickham Rotary Club hand over 21 presents to the staff of the Bay Horse for their "Super Santa Sunday" party.

Whickham Rotary Club At Clover Hill Primary School

The members of Whickham Rotary Club are proud to have been one of the sponsors that helped finance a modern portable defibrillator for Clover Hill Primary School, Whickham.

Shown here displaying the new defibrillator are members of staff and pupils with representatives from sponsors: Whickham Rotary Club; School Governors; Northumbria Police, and North East Hearts with Goals a Cramlington based charity.

These small life-saving machines shown below are expensive to buy, in the region of £1,200. However, there is a reduction for educational establishments that has helped create a nationwide impetus to have one placed in every school, recreation facility and suitable public places.

UK's Biggest Killer is Sudden Cardiac Arrest 100,000 adults per year - 15 Children a Week

These portable machines are designed to be used by staff with a little training, or it is possible for untrained people to easily follow the simple recorded instructions on the machine to activate its potential life-saving proceedings.

Members of Whickham Rotary Club are actively researching methods of working with other organisations to encourage public interest and finance with a view to having more machines placed in appropriate locations in and around Whickham.



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 2016 with your donations we raised £1138.73

Please read this newsletter to see how some of the money has contributed to some great causes.

Collection Bottles

A big thank you to all the businesses that are supporting the Community Fund and displaying one of our collection tubs. In 2016 we raised £396.16 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.

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The Manor House Care Home

The Manor House Care Home sitting near the top of Whickham Bank is now one of our most renowned buildings where the members of staff are respected for their care of the residents, most of which have special health care needs.

One of the extra services provided is a programme of entertainment by local professional singers and musicians. These shows require separate funding which is the domain of the home's Lifestyle Co-ordinator, Krysta Bruynson, whose role is to introduce fun and entertainment into the lives of residents in their care.

The members of Whickham Rotary Club were delighted to donate the sum of £250 to the entertainment fund which will be used to provide entertainment with audience participation in the form of singing and dancing.

On the left is Rotarian Norman Lawler with three members of staff and a resident.



Christmas Bag Packing

David Bollands of Whickham Rotary Club was pleased to present cheques to representatives from two of our local community groups which had assisted with pre-Christmas bag packing at Morrison's and ASDA super markets.

Above left Flight Sergeant Sarah Noble, represented the staff and cadets of the Whickham 1313 Squadron, Air Training Corps, and received a cheque to the value of £300.

On the right Karen O'Halleron Hutchinson, a swimming instructor, represented Gateshead and Whickham Amateur Swimming Club which for two days of bag packing received a cheque for £1,000.



The Rotary Club was delighted to present new strips to the Kingsmeadow Royal Basketball Club. In the background is the Newcastle Eagles basketball team with the Kingsmeadow boys standing in front. Hope the boys have many years enjoying the game.

Wheelchair Foundation UK

The Foundation which provides wheelchairs to disabled people in African countries was supported by generous local donations at a September street collection in St Mary's Green organised by the Whickham Rotary Club.

The sum of £102 gathered on the day was added to other Rotary funding resulting in the grand total of £1,500 to provide 20 Wheelchairs to needy disabled people.

"Yesterday I was a maggot crawling on the ground. Today I am a butterfly"

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