

# A year in the life of Havant Rotary Club

Many people think that Rotary is just about fundraising for local and international causes, but if you look at the involvement of the members of Havant Rotary Club, we do so much more.

Our busy diary combines a **weekly get-together** over a meal with fellow members and often we welcome speakers on a range of local and international issues. There is also a host of other things to do. You can volunteer for a varied range of tasks as and when you wish, and enjoy a busy social life with a friendly bunch of more than 50 members.

Our **community service** has seen us heavily involved with the people in our borough. We have played our part from organising an elderly residents' drive-out followed by tea, and helping out at local summer events. We tour the streets with our sleigh at Christmas and assist with Emsworth's Christmas lights switch-on, organise a stroke awareness day, provide marshals for Emsworth's St George's Day Parade, and take part in our Rotary district Kids Out days for disadvantaged children.

Our **youth** programme is second to none and provides help for young people in our area. We support the National 'Young Chef' competition, 'Young Carers', assist promising young sportsmen and women, and a gifted singer. We also seek out outstanding youngsters for our Young Person of the Year award. In exceptional circumstances we consider making donations to those in difficulty.

Our **international** work has included disaster relief projects such as the financing of Shelter Boxes to provide temporary accommodation and essential domestic equipment and Aqua Boxes for cleaning water. We also partner a Rotary Club in Uganda to fund clean water projects; and take part in the Christmas ShoeBox gift scheme to brighten the lives of children in poverty-stricken areas of the world. Every year we entertain a group of children from Chernobyl for the day which helps to enrich their lives.

We have an excellent programme of **visits** which have included Northney Farm; Portsmouth Historic Dockyard; the Houses of Parliament; and Nature's Way, specialist suppliers of bagged salads. Our **social** events have included theatre visits, a carol concert, lunch and a gourmet dinner at a catering training college, a fun evening playing Scalextric, and afternoon cream tea at a member's lovely garden. Our sporting programme has included golf, bowls, boules, and snooker.

**Special projects** have included supporting the Life Education Project – a specially-equipped mobile classroom taken to primary schools to teach children about healthy living; and **End Polio Now**, Rotary International's own charity to eradicate polio from the world.

*We are nearly there.*

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment, and vision. Rotarians work to protect communities from preventable disease, keep women and children healthy, improve education and economic outcomes, create safe water and sanitation infrastructure, and make our community and the world a more peaceful place. We are working with various partners on the following projects:

SDAS (Southern Domestic Abuse Service) — fundraising to provide a 'calm room'

'Kids Out!' — providing local special school pupils with an enriching life experience by taking them to places such as Marwell Zoo

Melon Mission — raising funds to provide classrooms and toilet facilities for a school in Kenya

Ending polio — Partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF to end polio, once and for all.

## GET INVOLVED



Becoming a member enables you to meet your community's leaders and to make an impact both here and around the world. We invite you to visit our club and find out more about us and the opportunities we offer to get involved. Our members have found that it's a truly rewarding experience. **Want to make new friends and use your skills to help others and give back something to the community? Why not come to one of our Monday meetings?**

For more information, just contact us via

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[www.havantrotary.org.uk](http://www.havantrotary.org.uk) or our Facebook page



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## PEOPLE OF ACTION

Our club offers many opportunities for our members — and those interested in making a difference — to get involved. Through our weekly meetings, social events, and volunteer projects, our members learn about the issues facing our community and communities all over the world, partnering with local, national, and global experts to exchange ideas about potential solutions and to draw up action plans to respond. Along with these opportunities to serve, members also are able to regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections.

Our club is a proud part of this community and of Rotary International. Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million members who believe that great things happen when dedicated minds come together. We are community and business leaders representing different professions, experiences, and perspectives but with a shared desire to connect with others to address the challenges affecting our community and communities around the world.



## OUR NEXT EVENTS

Friday, April 13th, 6:00 pm  
Wine and Canapés 'Come and Meet Us' reception in Havant - Contact us for your personal invitation:  
<mailto:membership@havantrotary.org.uk>

Monday, April 30th - President's Evening  
Harp Recital and fund-raising raffle in aid of SDAS at the Langstone Hotel, Northney

Join our next meeting or service project.  
Contact our club secretary to schedule your visit:  
<mailto:secretary@havantrotary.org.uk>



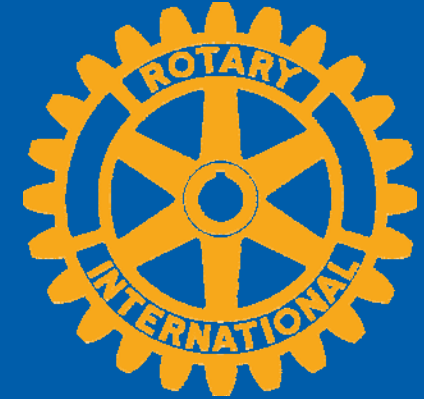
We look forward to meeting you!

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