

We hope this has whetted your appetite to find out more about Becket.

Please contact any of the officers listed if you want to know more - or just come back for another breakfast



**ROTARY:
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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHAMPTON BECKET

Meets for breakfast on Wednesdays at 7.15am at Overstone
Hotel Billing Lane Overstone Northampton NN6 0AF

Rotary



Club of Northampton Becket

“BECKET” A PROFILE

BECKET'S HISTORY

The Rotary Club of Northampton Becket was formed ("chartered") in 1988 when 31 business people signed up to join the Rotary movement. There are still 9 of the original founder members actively involved in the Club.

The Club quickly formed its own individual identity arranging a Charity Bike Ride from Canterbury Cathedral (Thomas a'Becket's final resting place) to Becket's Well in the Bedford Road in Northampton raising money for Charity and enabling the new members to get to know each other.

The Club was instrumental in organising the Annual Dragon Boat Festival on Midsummer Meadow in conjunction with the other 3 Northampton Rotary Clubs which raises an average of £35,000 a year. Becket's other annual fixtures include a summer BBQ, a music competition for Northamptonshire teenagers called the "Y" Factor. In December we tour Northampton and nearby residual areas with a specially constructed Santa's sleigh where we raise approx. £9,000 each year and give the children a lot of excitement. There are many other smaller events. They are currently 38 club members with 5 honorary members who are past members of the Club.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN BEING A MEMBER OF BECKET?

Most of all you feel that you are a member of a Club, where your fellow members support each other and enjoy working as a team. We meet for a breakfast at 7.15 am every Wednesday at Overstone Hotel Golf Club & Leisure resort Billing Lane Overstone Northampton NN6 OAF when there is a speaker or business discussion. We aim to finish the meeting by 8.30 so members can get off to work on time.

Each member is either an officer with specific duties or a member of one of the 4 committees - *Community and Youth Service - Membership and Communications - International Service - or Fundraising*. Those committees usually meet once a month and their Chairperson reports to the Club's Board - or "Council"

It is not all work! The Club has a very active social side involving the partners and children of members. In those months where there is a 5th Wednesday there is an evening event with partners in place of the breakfast meeting. There is also the opportunity to have weekends away with the President's annual City Break in the UK or Europe and the September Rotary District Conference where there are presentations from charities, a dinner dance and a celebrity speaker. The Club also has a dinner dance each March to celebrate it's birthday. There are theatre trips as well as regular golf competitions (and sometimes golf weekends away) and ski weeks or weekends in the French Alps. There are many opportunities for you and your family to make good friends.

What does it cost to be a member?

The core cost of membership involves paying for your weekly breakfast together with annual dues to Rotary International. At present that means £45 a month payable quarterly by standing order.

Obviously if you want to get involved in any of the social events mentioned above you pay for these as you go. There is no obligation to commit to any of these and nobody does everything!

We are not a "cheque book club"!

What do I do to become a member?

If you would like to know more about us and possibly join in, just let any one of us know that you are interested and come along to a few more Wednesday Meetings. If, after a few visits to get to know us, you would like to apply for membership you will be asked to complete an application form which will then be considered by the Club's Council. If accepted you would then be inducted into the Club at a breakfast meeting.

There is no joining fee