



# Rotary Club of Northampton

## December 2018 Newsletter



The President of the Rotary Club of Northampton sends his best wishes and hopes that all members, family and friends will have a happy and blessed Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas lunch on 16th December.



I just wanted to give you all my personal thanks for making my job look easy this year. I have been sent some great articles and excellent photos. It's been a real pleasure learning how much we do as I pull together the newsletter each month. A personal thanks to John Evitt, my personal Microsoft spellchecker and grammar expert, and to Jackie and Aileen for all the social media they do, and which I nick. Keep them coming and I hope you, your family and friends have a fantastic Xmas. Celebrate with your loved ones and raise a glass to those we miss at this time of the year. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please let me know.

### What is happening in December?

#### DECEMBER 2018

Date	Activity	Duty Host
3	Committees	Liz Middleton
4	SATELLITE GROUP Business meeting at M&C 6.15pm	
10	<b>Speaker: Angela Campling Iganga FOOD BANK</b>	Graham Mortimer
11	SATELLITE GROUP	
13	Club Walk: Jackie Brame	
16	<b>Joint Christmas Lunch at the Marriott Hotel - 12.30 p.m.</b>	Geoff Ottaway
17/24/31	No Club Meetings	
18/25	No SATELLITE GROUP	

## Don't Forget Polio – the Polio Virus has not Forgotten Us



Thanks to all our members who have purchased purple gin and Christmas cards. Together we have raised £194 for End Polio Now and this is a marvellous effort.

In addition, thank you to those who have posted Christmas greetings in the Newsletter and made a donation to End Polio Now in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your fellow Rotarians.

The fight is by no means over. The latest figures from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative reveal that 27 cases of wild polio virus have been detected this year to date, compared with 22 cases in the whole of 2017. Whilst Nigeria remains free for over two years, there has been an increase in Afghanistan with 19 cases this year compared with 14 last year. In Pakistan, there have been 8 cases this year.

This is not all bad news. In Pakistan, for example, the cases reported (8) come from only four districts, while no cases have been recorded by the main areas of diffusion. Only in 1998 polio was present in the entire Pakistani territory and children paralyzed in just one year were 35,000. Since then, things have radically changed so much that the infrastructure built to combat Polio has allowed the vaccination of 32 million children against measles. This is just one example that can be applied not only to the three endemic countries, but also to those countries where the virus still lives in the environment, as evidenced by the samples taken.

The need to continue fund raising remains paramount.

## This Is Your Environment



This summer's drought and World disasters remind us of every Rotarian's responsibility to take Environmental action. Massive challenges currently face the Planet and us as a species. Some of these appear insurmountable and it is easy to blame Governments, but everyone can do something, and everyone should try.

Here are some suggestions for us as individuals and Rotary Clubs to enable us to join in the war against climate change.

1. Continue to plant trees especially as many will have died during the drought.
2. Educate the young in our own families such as not buying water in plastic bottles. Plant trees and flowers which attract insects.
3. Keep in mind that lowering our speed when driving reduces pollution and is more economical. When you replace your car do please buy electric or hybrid. If you live in a City do you really need a car? Use the bus, cycle or walk and hire a car for those special journeys.
4. Avoid the use of plastic bags and containers when possible. The use of plastic straws is being discontinued because of Consumer pressure.
5. Consider using bars of soap rather than liquid soap in plastic bottles. When there is a choice, consider buying items in glass rather than plastic. Items such as tomato sauce and olive oil are available in glass bottles.
6. Save water. Use recycled water for watering plants, cleaning cars etc.
7. Never buy new until the old one breaks or wears out. You will reduce the demand for materials, their transportation around the Planet and the pollution when they go to landfill.

8. Get rid of your paving and gravel and plant a garden. You will help to prevent flooding.
9. Turn off lights and electrical equipment at bedtime.
10. Buy local produce thereby cutting down on food miles and eat lower down the food chain.
11. Persuade your neighbours, friends, relatives and politicians to consider the above

David

## What's been happening: Club Events and Monday Talks

### Tour of University of Northampton



Amazingly good tour of the new Northampton University site this afternoon by of our members. The new futuristic buildings and waterside site are Providing over 14,000 students with an excellent some learning venue.



On the right shows inside of the old rail shed-now transformed into the student union officers building.

### AGE UK Northampton



Chris Duff, CEO Age UK Northamptonshire, gave a great talk on all AGE UK do. A great organisation helping those of mature years in need of advice and support. Did you know they provide Insurance cover? Support your local Age U.K. and help fund your own and others friendly helping hand.

### William Carey



William Carey was an amazing polymath who supported education for girls, lending libraries, saving schemes, medical provision and everyone he came in contact with. Our guest speaker Margaret Williams entertained us with her great knowledge of Carey from his Moulton home now a museum, to his great work in India for which he is much revered.



## Bird Feeders Arrive at Richmond



A big thank you to Richmond Village Northampton!! Neil Percival with one of the three bird feeders that we set up today to be enjoyed by the residents and the local wild life.

Our satellite group held meetings at Richmond for over a year and we wanted to say thank you to everyone. One is in the sensory garden, one in the butterfly garden and the third in the pergola garden.

## Looking forward: Club Events and Monday speakers

### Christmas Collections - December 2018



This year we will be collecting at only two venues on a total of seven days; Wyevale Garden Centre at Harlestone Heath (not our normal collections at Wyevale at Hardingstone) and at Morrisons at the Old Cattle Market. However, we have decided that we shall collect for longer periods on each day at Morrisons.



The dates are listed below and John Evitt has already put an active board on our Website.

1. Wyevale Garden Centre at Harlestone Heath from 10:30 am until 5:00 pm Thursday 6th, Friday 7th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December.
2. Morrisons at the Old Cattle Market from 10:30 am until 8:00 pm Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December

Last year we collected at 4 different venues on a total of 9 days. There were 120 collection periods and we were collecting from 10:00 to 4:00 at each venue. This year we are collecting at only 2 venues on only 7 days. However, we have had to increase the length of time we are collections at Morrisons to nine and a half hours (from 10:30 am until 8:00 pm). We will have both one hour and also one and a half hour periods at each venue.

It is hoped that every able-bodied Rotarian will be able to volunteer for 3 or 4 sessions.

#### **pecial Details for collections at Wyevale Garden Centre and Morrisons.**

Each site will have a dedicated box and a pull-up banner. Each box will contain collection buckets (3), tabards (3), Rotary literature and a list of Rotarians on duty. It will be the responsibility of the first two Rotarians collecting on a specific day to organise the collection of the box and banner. Money collected during the day can be left in the box. At the end of the day the Rotarians must ensure that all the money is removed, counted and banked. Tell Brian May and / or StanEvans how much you collected and the date and time you were on duty. Give your cheque to our Treasurer.

The last two Rotarians on duty must ensure that the box and banner are given to the Rotarians collecting on the next day.

The box and banner may be left at Morrisons and Wyevale overnight. When coming on duty at Morrisons you must report to their Management office so that you can park for longer than their specified parking period, otherwise you might get a ticket.

### **Previous Christmas Collections**

The Christmas collections have been part of our Christmas celebrations since the club's inception in 1921. During the last 10 years the people of Northampton have generously donated nearly £50,000. All the money collected goes to local Charities. The main Charity has been the Mayor of Northampton's Fund for the Housebound, which has received over £45,000. Our contribution represents half of the total donations to the Mayor's Fund. Earlier this year the Club presented The Deputy Mayor Cllr Tony Ansell with a cheque for £2,000 to the Mayor's Fund, which allowed 276 people to each receive a cheque for £25 and a Christmas card signed personally by the Mayor. To qualify as "housebound" a person has, due to illness or disability, to be confined to their homes and not able to go out unassisted'

Please print your name against the date and time on the boards and don't forget to put the dates and times into your diary. Rotarians are reminded that on weekdays the first 2 hours are free in our multi-story car parks. At weekend the multi-story car parks cost £2.00 in Northampton.

Stan

### **Glasses, Ring pulls & Stamps**



A gentle reminder as Christmas approaches and you will be meeting friends, relatives and neighbours, that we are still collecting the above, to help the third world countries.

Please bring them along to any Rotary meeting and give them to Graham Mortimer.

### **Monday 10th December: Angela Campling Igana - Food Bank**



**What the Food bank does with the food and other items that are donated....and why not do a reverse Advent**

**Calendar and put something in the Food Bank box each Advent day?**

## Food bank collection



Please put a note in your diaries that the next collection of items for the Food Bank is **10<sup>th</sup> December**. Let's give families in need a better Christmas than they would have anticipated

**FOOD BANK NORTHAMPTON** **SHOPPING LIST**

**PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LIST IF YOU WISH TO DONATE AN ITEM TO THE FOOD BANK.**

Please visit our website for times & locations where donations can be taken  
[www.restorenorthampton.org.uk](http://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk)

**FOOD ITEMS**

- Milk (UHT)
- Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Breakfast Cereal
- Fruit (Tinned)
- Rice Pudding
- Pasta Sauce
- Biscuits
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Meat (Tinned)
- Vegetables (Tinned)
- Tuna / Fish (Tinned)
- Soup (Tinned)
- Cup-A-Soups
- Rice (500g)
- Beans
- Vegetable/meat/herb stock cubes

**BABY ESSENTIALS**

- Disposable Nappies (from size 0 to pull-ups)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Food
- Baby Milk (powdered or in cartons)
- Sterilising Tablets
- Breast Pads
- Baby Oil / Cream
- Nappy Rash Cream

**TOILETRIES**

- Deodorant (mens and womens)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower Gel

**HOME CARE**

- Soap
- Moisturiser
- Sanitary Wear
- Toilet Rolls
- Washing-Up Liquid
- Laundry Detergent (liquid, powder or tabs)
- Antibacterial Spray
- Disinfectant
- Toilet Cleaner
- Bleach
- Cleaning Cloths / Sponges
- Washing-Up Brush
- Dustpan and Brush

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## Thursday 13th December 2018: Rotary Walk



**The Stags Head, 1 High Street, Great Doddington, Wellingborough, Northants, NN29 7TQ**

We'll meet in the "The Stags Head" car park at 10am and order our lunch before walking to Summer Leys Nature Reserve via footpaths.

The reserve is on the Great Doddington to Wollaston road not far from the A45. It is run by The Wildlife Trust and they look after it very well. Boots recommended.

There are many wintering wildlife to view whilst walking around the Reserve. There's also a chance of the traditional libation being on offer, too! Friends welcome to join us on the walk and non-walkers welcome to join us for lunch.

## Sunday 16th December: Christmas Lunch

**This will include magical entertainment plus music and carols**

**12.30pm for 1pm sit down at The Marriott**  
**Cost £24 (£12 for lunch members)**



## Sat 16th February 2019 at 19.00 - 22.00



Music for Everyone - Four Soloists, Sopranos, Tenor and Baritone who will sing popular arias, jazz and light music, a Matt Monro Tribute, The Royal & Dergate Community Choir and a Ukulele Ensemble!

## Christmas Greetings from members



In an effort to save our forests, be a little greener and environmentally friendly, Val & Stan will not be sending Christmas cards this year.

Obviously, we should like to wish all our friends and colleagues in the Northampton Rotary Club a very enjoyable Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Elsbeth and Brian wish all fellow Rotarians and friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to a polio-free world in the not too distant future.



Wishing you all a Joyful Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year, David and Dora

Margaret & Trevor wish everyone a very happy and wonderful Christmas and hope that 2019 will be a memorable year for you all and for our club



## Club Birthdays in December



***Happy Birthday to these  
Club members***



**Philip Saunderson**  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>



**John Gower**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>



**Caroline Morris**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>



**Clive Fowler**  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

## Rotary Boards

Here is a list of current "Interactive Documents" – once you have logged onto the “your Rotary” members page just click on the name of the event below to see the form, and fill it in. Or, you should be able to use the links below if you are reading this as a PDF.

[CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER 2018](#)

[CRISTMAS LUNCH - 16 DECEMBER 2018](#)

[PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND - 13 TO 15 JUNE 2019](#)

[RI CONVENTION - HAMBURG 2019 - 1-5 JUNE 2019](#)

## What is happening in January and February

### JANUARY 2019

Date	Activity	Duty Host
1	NO SATELLITE GROUP	
7	Committees	Peter Newham
8	SATELLITE GROUP: Tim Tucker DG - Business meeting at M&C 6.15pm	
14	<b>Mayor's Visit</b>	Michael Pearson
15	SATELLITE Group	
17	Club Walk	
21	<b>Tim Tucker DG 1070</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>6.00 Council</b></span>	Brian Phillips
22	SATELLITE GROUP	
28	<b>Andrew Mahon: Farming</b>	Philip Saunderson
29	SATELLITE GROUP	

### FEBRUARY 2019

Date	Activity	Duty Host
4	Committees	Michael Stead
5	SATELLITE GROUP Business meeting at M&C 6.15pm	
11	<b>Our Foundation</b>	David Allitt
12	SATELLITE GROUP	
14	Club Walk: David Harrop	
16	Dinner with a Diva Marriott Hotel	
18	<b>Paul Simpson Offa's Dyke challenge.</b>	Stephen Billings
19	SATELLITE GROUP	
25	<b>Speaker</b>	Derek Bull
26	SATELLITE GROUP	

**Partners and Friends welcome**

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION & THINGS SECRETARIAL

**MEALS:** Apologies for absence (Lunch Group only). Our venue has to be informed by **10.00 a.m.** on the day of the meeting of the total number of persons attending. Please also note that Rotarians who wish to bring guests must contact the Secretary before 10 a.m.

**Telephone:** 01604 407724, **Mobile:** 07703299035 or **Email:** jackiebrame17@gmail.com

The **DUTY HOST** should be present before speaker/visitors to welcome them; offer a drink and ensure they sign in the visitor's book. ***Suggested arrival time: Noon.***

Details of visitors will be found on the attendance sheet or by contacting the Secretary.

The Duty Host should say Grace. If you prefer not to say Grace please inform the Secretary who will make alternative arrangements.

If you cannot be present on a particular occasion you should arrange a replacement and inform the Secretary. Lists of Duty Hosts will be found on the Diary page of each Newsletter.

**COPY:** The **NEWSLETTER** is a vital means of communication in a club of our size with its diversity of activities. The Editor welcomes contributions from members of all things relating to and/or of interest to our members. Valid comment or suggestions for improvement will also be noted and heeded at his discretion! The majority of members will receive this Newsletter electronically, but a few copies will be printed for those members who cannot. These hard copies will be available at the meeting immediately following its circulation. In order to keep the publication as concise as possible, will contributors please try to confine submissions to one page only. Remember that the addition of photographs can significantly increase the size of an article but are very important as "a picture is.... etc." The Editor will attempt to publish, at his discretion, all such articles received in the current or following editions, subject to space being available.

**Editor: Timothy Bedward**

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