

THE ROTARY CLUB OF EYNSHAM

A 'snap shot' of the Rotary Club's involvement locally and abroad.



The Rotary Club has now been established within the village for more than two years. The Rotary Club's involvement in the village has steadily increased and reflects the support received for Rotary organised events (such as the annual Charity Race Night) from the residents of Eynsham and nearby villages.

Help in the local community

The Rotary Club of Eynsham has continued to raise money locally through organising or participating in events in Eynsham. These events include the Charity Race Night, a joint charity Theatre / Supper evening with Bartholomew Players, the Father Christmas Float in Eynsham and Cassington and more recently a Barn Dance in Eynsham Village Hall. The Rotary Club is now a parent body of the Eynsham Carnival and will continue to assist with the preparation work throughout the year and duties on the day of the event.

A Community Services committee within the Rotary Club looks into ways that this money can be best put to use. Locally, monetary and 'hands on' support has been given to individuals and organisations within Eynsham and the surrounding area after consideration given to the particular circumstances of the need. Some recent examples:

- ⌚ A contribution was made towards the Eynsham Day Centre seated exercise activity.
- ⌚ Transport and delivery support for the organisers of the 6 weekly Eynsham donated food run to the Gatehouse premises in St Giles.
- ⌚ A small group of Rotarians assisted in the recent projects for the Charity 'Yellow Submarine' to provide a training room and Café / Sandwich shop in central Oxford. The Charity supports young people and adults with learning difficulties.

International support – Project in Kilifi, Kenya



Further afield the Rotary Club have been able to provide funding for international projects such as the purchase of a shelter box for providing the essential survival needs at disaster locations world wide and a contribution to the Rotary International initiative to eradicate polio.

This contribution to international support has continued over the past year with a new project in the Kilifi District of Kenya. With the advantage of an Eynsham Rotary Club member having lived in Kilifi for a number of years and the presence of a Rotary Club in Kilifi, a project for the provision of clean water to 5 schools in the district was identified for funding by the Rotary Club of Eynsham.

Although water tanks had been installed for all 5 of the schools sourced from local funding, they were not connected to the nearby mains water supply due to a lack of further available funding. A lot of time was still being spent by the children carrying unclean water from sources some distance from the schools, and preparing it for use.

With £1,000 raised by The Rotary Club of Eynsham (increased to £1,500 at Rotary District level) and the local management of the project by members of the Rotary Club of Kilifi, the project to supply clean water to the 5 schools is now complete. Rotarians Pauline Lowe and Geoff Powell visited the schools over the New Year and confirmed satisfactory completion of each of the 5 installations. For the comparatively low additional expenditure of £300 average for each school, clean, potable water has finally been made available to the schools and will improve the health and well-being of the 3,000 children attending these schools.

Although this project has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, there is still a lot of work to do to further improve the health of the children in these schools and a there is a further project being considered for funding the construction of latrines within each of 5 schools.



Rotary Club of Eynsham – Meetings and Contact Information

Our meetings commence at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month in the White Hart Inn, Eynsham. The meetings are varied, with a speaker on a topic of interest each month and a business meeting focusing on progressing our mainly local projects. Recent speaker evenings have covered talks on the Kilifi project in Kenya, the early days of cinema and Islands in the South Atlantic. Social events are also planned for 5th Tuesdays.

Rotary is open to men and women and all are welcome to come and join us for an evening to see if Rotary is for you. For more information please contact Philip Spencer (01865 881025), Kate Nayler (01865 883716) or Tony Robinson (01865 880145) or e-mail spencer633@btinternet.com