

### ***We help young people***

Along with other Rotary clubs in the area, we help youngsters improve their leadership skills at an outdoor centre in Wales. We help disabled children and we sponsor young people to go abroad and gain experience in order to make a contribution to world peace and prosperity.



### ***Schools***



Along with supporting schools with their Life Education Program each year over a thousand dictionaries are presented

to local schools. At secondary schools we conduct mock interviews to help teenagers prepare for university and the world of work.

### ***We enjoy ourselves too***

Our social activities include recently visiting a winery, visited a local theatre and enjoyed a fellowship weekend on the south coast. We hosted our French sister club, Rotary Caen Abbayes in Normandy, not forgetting to show them the restored Abbey Ruins and Reading's version of the Bayeux Tapestry

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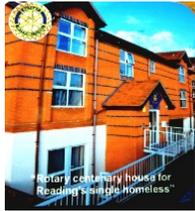
Our club consists of men and women who meet on Tuesday lunchtimes at the Pepe Sale restaurant in the centre of the town (there are other Rotary clubs in Reading that meet for breakfast or in the evening).

*Rotary is about Service and making positive and lasting changes in our community and worldwide...*

*what do we do?..*

### ***We go into in the construction industry — again!***

About ten years ago we built Centenary House, which accommodates seven, otherwise, homeless people and which is run by Launchpad. The rents we receive helped pay off the mortgage and, with the equity of the building, we were ready to undertake another major project.



This has been to design and build a new house alongside the Reading headquarters of the Berkshire

Women's Aid charity, which protects women and their families from violence. Up to ten women and their children are now in good and safe housing in the new building (we cannot show this for security reasons). The



project's architect, planner, lawyer, mortgage advisor and accountant are all members of our Club. Using a bit of elbow grease, our members and friends did a lot of the painting and manual labour and for good measure renovated the original headquarters

### ***International projects***

We have close ties with a local podiatrists' practice and with the proceeds of a dinner helped them go out to the Village of Hope in Delhi, India to help people suffering from leprosy.



The proceeds of the dinner also contributed to the building of a school in Uganda, which our Club made possible by more fundraising and which opened in less than a year.



### ***By the way***

As Rotarians we are part of Rotary International, a movement of 1.2 million members that for thirty years has been a prime mover in the effort to eradicate polio. We also raise funds to provide clean water and sanitation and we send Christmas presents to Romania and to our local children via the Salvation Army.



### ***We raise money for good causes at home and abroad***

For the last 5 years, Aalong with our principal sponsors, Rocsearch, we have organised the Reading Santa Run and the event continues to be a major annual civic event. Over 1,000 runners took part each year with children, dogs and buggies and in



2018 we were able to donate £5,000 to each of Footsteps Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Care as well as £3338 to other local charities. Other local charities can benefit from runners who give their proceeds to their own chosen charities.



### ***Poppy Day***

Each November, Rotarians up and down the country contribute to the British Legion's Poppy Day. Along with other local Rotary clubs we sell poppies in Reading town centre and make a significant contribution to the funds, which are used to assist ex-servicemen who are in need.

