

Rotary Club of Kingham and Daylesford Alive and Kicking around the Wychwoods

Rotary was born over 100 years ago in the USA, and now has over 1.3 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. It is the largest humanitarian organisation in the world. There are five around the Wychwoods which means that Rotary is going strong locally and is now looking to welcome new members.

Just for Old Men?

Some think Rotary is still an old man's dining club. Yes it used to be but the world has changed and so has Rotary. Ladies are now very welcome; some clubs encourage couples to join. Rotary attracts the young, the working and retired, who want to enjoy a new circle of friends while putting something back to society locally and worldwide. It is still a worthwhile business networking organisation with a local bias. In the UK it is estimated that over £20 million is raised for charity each year by 2,000 clubs. Globally there are many worthwhile causes to support; the headline campaign (now over 25 years old) is to eradicate polio worldwide.



Rotary is now working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who will contribute nearly £200 million if Rotarians worldwide match. **We are nearly there!** Polio is now down from 100 countries to a very few remote areas in Africa and India.

Don't Wait to Be Invited

The key is pulling together a range of skills on a voluntary basis; the reward is a unique camaraderie amongst members and an extended social life. All the clubs in the area have their own style and characteristics, some are more formal, some have more ladies than others. Chipping Norton and Burford meet Monday evenings, Witney is Tuesday lunchtime.

Kingham and Daylesford meet fortnightly with dinner optional on Wednesdays and Stow on the Wold is Tuesday evenings. Go to <http://www.ribi.org/> or call Paul on: 01993 831967. Don't wait to be invited! There is no pressure to join so take a look at more than one club around the Wychwoods - it could change your life.
Paul Jackson

Wychwood Surgery Coffee Morning

The Wychwood Surgery held their annual coffee morning on Friday 14th October 2011. Despite having to change the date at short notice the event was well supported. We would like to express our thanks to the members of the Patient Participation Group for their support, and the many

donations of money, cakes and raffle prizes from patients and staff. The event raised £715 and this will be shared between Macmillan Nursing and Lawrence Home Nursing Team. Thank you for your support.
Esther Parsons