

Kingham and Wychwoods Rotary Club

The club recently heard an excellent overview of the world of crime and justice from Tim Pocock, the chair of the Oxfordshire Magistrates' Bench, who outlined the current role of the Magistrate and the latest crime statistics for England and Wales. Magistrates go back to 1381 so they have been around a long time. There are now 24,000 operating from 238 courts in England and Wales handling some 580,000 of all the crimes reported to the police; in 2012/13 this was 3.5 million. However the England and Wales Crime Survey for the same period estimated that there are 8.9 million crimes so many of us do not bother to even report them to the police.

How about Becoming a Magistrate?

Magistrates are limited in their sentencing capacity to a maximum of £5,000 in fines or six months imprisonment, so more serious offences, around 5%, are sent by magistrates to the Crown Court where a Judge presides and a jury decides if the accused is guilty or not guilty.

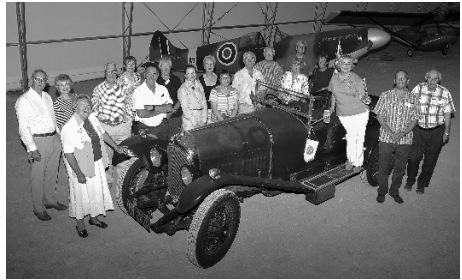
If you want to apply or find out more and there is a need for young people and members from ethnic minorities to get involved, then go to

<https://www.gov.uk/become-magistrate/apply-to-be-a-magistrate>

Interact

The club is pleased to announce that it is now helping to organise a new Rotary Interact Club at Kingham Hill School.

Interact is the youth part of the worldwide family of Rotary and is specifically designed for young people aged between 11 and 18. Interact club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. The new club at Kingham Hill School is for pupils in the sixth form who are looking forward to supporting local, national and international charities in the coming months and years.



Spitfires and a 1926 Bentley

The Bicester and Kingham Rotary Clubs recently met at Enstone Airfield where replica Spitfires are under construction. The Bentley belonged to Paul Spencer from Chippy, who was giving an evening out to recent winners from an auction at Shipton-under-Wychwood fete. Rotary is not normally so complicated!

We are a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities at home and abroad. Take a look www.kinghamrotary.org.uk

Paul Jackson

Save Lives - Give Blood

The next blood donor session will be held in Milton Village Hall on **Thursday 19th December**, 14.30 to 16.30 and 17.15 to 19.30. At this time of year it is vital that stocks be kept to a maximum so if you can get along to donate please do so.

For more information check the website www.blood.co.uk or phone: 0300 123 23 23.