

ROTARY CLUB OF HENLEY ON THAMES – REPORT 2013-2014

It is our vision to help local charitable causes with financial donations and to support Rotary International e.g. with the eradication of polio worldwide.

We generate in excess of £20000 a year and pay our own costs so that every £'s raised may help. We currently have 25 + members who really enjoy the fellowship in Club and over the next couple of years seek to restore Club to 35/36 members so we may make an increasing contribution to the community in the future.

In the last year we have supported some 18 local charities e.g. The Ways and Means Trust, Wyfold Riding for the Disabled, The Henley Sea Cadets, Henley Youth Festival, Headway, Christian Community in Action, Arch Reading (Badgemore School Henley), and The Thames Valley Air Ambulance. We have also donated £1500 towards polio eradication, and £1500 for 3 Shelterboxes for relief programmes in the Philippines and Syria.

We have great fun organising various social and fundraising events which in this Rotary year have so far included:

Bowls evening with Henley Bridge R.C.

Petanque evening with Bourne End and Cookham R.C.

Sponsoring a successful RYLA candidate (Rotary Youth Leadership Award),

Round Table fireworks, and a Bingo evening at the Town Hall,

Collections for polio eradication at Tesco and Waitrose,

Ladies and partners social evenings at The Quince Tree and Henley Golf Club,

Youth Speaks competition at the Kenton Theatre,

An evening at Sonning Mill Theatre to see an Alan Ayckbourn play,

Founders Night Dinner jointly with Henley Bridge R.C.

Charity Big Band Evening at The Christchurch Centre.

Later this month we are holding the annual Midnight Matinee at the Kenton Theatre and another ladies/partners evening at The Quince Tree, a joint BBQ with The Sea Cadets in June, social visits to Bentley Priory and to Mapledurham House, and a Charity Auction in September.

If you would like to learn a little more or feel you may like to join us please contact our Secretary Phil Fletcher via our Club website or on Tel: 0118 972 3591.

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