



**THE ROTARY CLUB
OF HUNTINGDON
CROMWELL**

**WELCOME TO THE
WORLD OF ROTARY**

INTRODUCTION

This leaflet will give those interested in joining The Rotary Club of Huntingdon Cromwell a brief insight into its working. It is intended as a guide only and is subject to change.

WHO CAN JOIN ROTARY

Membership is open to adult male or female persons of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation.

HOW TO JOIN ROTARY

Membership is by invitation and is normally achieved through attendance at a number of club nights as a visitor/guest. Most visitors are brought in by existing members; however, this does not preclude a guest telephoning or e-mailing (available on the website) the Secretary to arrange a visit. Membership follows from a Proposal for Membership submitted by the potential Rotarian and proposed by a Rotarian. The Proposal is then forwarded to the Membership Committee who will meet with the candidate to ensure that they are fully aware of the ethos of Rotary. Thereafter, they will report to the Club Council who will normally authorise the Secretary to issue a 7-day notice to all members seeking their agreement to the induction of the candidate. If this is successful then the candidate will be inducted as soon as possible after the expiration of the 7-day notice.

AFFILIATION FEE AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The Rotary year runs from 1st July until 30th June. Upon joining a membership card valid for the remainder of the year will be issued on payment of both the affiliation fee and annual subscription. Thereafter, the Club Secretary will issue membership cards annually. Currently the Affiliation Fee is £25 (a onetime payment) and the Annual Subscription is £130 (payable on the 1st of July).

Cost of the weekly meal, that is presently £12, is additional to the above.

MEETINGS AND VENUE

As shown on the main information sheet the Club meets each Monday (except for Bank Holidays) at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at The George Hotel, George Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 3AB. Meeting nights normally begin with a meal followed by some Club business (usually very brief) and a speaker.

DRESS

There are no strict rules regarding this matter, but it is expected that a lounge suit or normal office attire will be worn at ordinary meetings. Dinner Jackets are the order of the day for a number of special events. Summer dress code (no jackets – optional) applies from 1st May to 30th September.

COMMITTEES

Each new member will be allocated to one of the Club committees. These are shown on the main information sheet.

DUTY ROTARIAN

A Rotarian is nominated for each meeting who is expected to be at the place of meeting 15 minutes beforehand to meet the evening's speaker and visiting Rotarians/Guests. This is often the first time a visitor meets the Club and the Duty Rotarian is expected to ensure that they are made welcome and introduced to the President and Club Members. The Duty Rotarian will also say Grace at the commencement of the Meeting, collect evening meal fees and propose a vote of thanks to the speaker. The Duty Rotarian will additionally ensure that, if required, the Visitors Book is completed.

PROGRAMME ROTARIAN

Each member is asked to organise a speaker or some other suitable activity on a specified date. The Programme Rotarian is expected to make all the necessary arrangements and notify the Programme Coordinator at least one month in advance.

CLUB COUNCIL AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

The governing body of the Club is the Club Council that is made up of the Officers of the Club and six ordinary members of the Club. The Council is required to meet once every month and makes major decisions on the running of the Club. The Committee Chairman's reports are normally given at the Council meetings and then presented to the Club at the Business and Annual General Meetings. This ensures that members are aware of the Club's activities and all members are given the opportunity to make their own observations known.

ATTENDANCE AND FELLOWSHIP

To maintain membership in good standing Rotarians should attain at least 50% attendance in any one Rotary year, at least 30% of these attendances should be at their own club. Applications for leave of absence, giving special reasons for non-attendance should be made in writing to the Club Secretary.

The Club Secretary is in possession of National and International Club Directories giving details of Club Meeting times and places throughout the world. Rotarians find visits to other Clubs extremely rewarding and the Fellowship regarded as the cornerstone of Rotary will become evident.

STRUCTURE

In order to get a better idea of the ethos of Rotary prospective members should visit the sites shown at the left of the main screen on the website .

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Club members look to their partners to join in as many of the Club's activities as possible. They are an important part of the effectiveness and fellowship within Rotary. There are a number of annual functions that take place including the Charter Anniversary Dinner in April, Christmas Dinner and President's Night in June each year. Fund raising events are held during the year to finance the programme of giving to a large number of worthy causes.

FINALLY

These notes form a very brief guide on the workings of The Rotary Club of Huntingdon Cromwell. If you were to become a Rotarian you will

find that wherever you travel you will always find, not far away, a Rotary Club to visit or a Rotarian to meet.