Rotary online

Notes and links from the presentation 17th October 2024

https://blythvalleyrotary.co.uk/
This is our own website. Using the Wordpress format of website/blog software, it uses our own registered domain name (i.e. blythvalleyrotary.co.uk) and is hosted on my son's server (F.O.C.).

The front page used to have a standard Rotary video playing but I have replaced this with a few scrolling photos specific to our club. It would be nice if we could produce our own video showing some of our projects/events in action or some better photos. Something to bear in mind at future events. There is currently a pop-up pointing visitors to our article in Rotary Magazine.

If you need to register for the Member's Area, click this link https://blythvalleyrotary.co.uk/register/ and complete the details (don't forget your password).

In the members area you will find a second menu allowing access to:-

- Club programme – This is the most up-to-date version of the programme and uses the Google Calendar system. Click on any event to find out more details.
- Committee reports – This is a new section that contains minutes/notes from business meetings etc. I currently only has two items from Community. If other committee chairs would like to send me their reports too, I will add them to the list.
- Apologies – This allows members to record their apologies online if they wish (this is in addition to other for forms of notification such as email/text etc. not instead of. You can apologise for up to 3 dates in one entry if required. **NOTE; I have now added couples in the names drop-down list so if both people want to apologise, there is no need to make two entries. You will also find a button that allows access to the attendance matrix to check the numbers attending each week.
- File downloads – This section contains popular/common files that may be of use/interest (many more files are available in the Dropbox – See below). At the moment it contains 2 versions of the Christmas day Swim posters, QR codes for swim donations and registration, list of committees, various club logos, members directory, insurance certificate, event plan and risk assessment templates. Other files can be added if requested.
- Members directory – This is a list of those already registered for the member's area. They are currently: -
  - Alan Hardwick
  - Ronnie Carter
  - Cathy Ryan
  - Colin Coe
  - Chris Caswell
  - Dave rich
  - Claire Guppy
  - Melvin Crown
  - Niki Huggins
  - Lee Martin
  - Jill Buckley

- o Peter Trendall
- o Peter Small
- o Pauline Archer
- o Steven Seager
- o Sally Bird
- o Keith Rolfe
- o Zuhal Tobin
- o Suku Bailey
- o Martin South
- User – This show details of you, the current user where you can edit details of your profile such as picture, tel no. etc.
- My Account – This allows you to change your password, privacy settings etc.

Although the primary reason for th site it to advertise to the pubic who we are and what we do, I would like to think that members will visit the site at least once a month (preferably once a week) to find out the latest news/information etc. In a way, it should act as a digital noticeboard for the club.
You will be logged out automatically after 30 minutes of inactivity. Please let me know if you would like other features added to the member's area.

https://www.rotary.org/en
This the website of Rotary International. To access the For Members area you will need to register to create an account. To do this, go here https://my.rotary.org/en/signup
(The same sign-in details can be used to sign into the RIBI site).

Once you have created an account you will have access to things such as:-
Rotary Club Central
Grant Centre
Membership and Foundation Reports
Learning centre
Service Project Centre
Brand Centre

https://www.rotarygbi.org/
This the website for Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland. As mentioned above, use the same sign-in details to access the Members area https://rotarygbi.org/members/members-login/

Here you will find access to:-
- Rotary View – A searchable database of clubs and officers/members details, our club details, your own details and general club administration (Rotary View is superseding the old DMS and may still have some synchronisation issues).
- Online shop – (separate account required). Here you can purchase Rotary branded leaflets (some are customisable) and some merchandise.
- Compliance documents, logos, videos, images and many other resources too numerous to list here.

https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/home

Peoples Fundraising is the platform we use for handling online donations and event tickets such as Christmas day Swim, Starlight Walk and Women Who Inspire.

At the moment we only use the donations and events elements but here is much more available to us for fundraising. I believe we should discuss how other elements such as lotteries, auctions, raffles, fundraisers etc can be used.

Check out their webpage for details.

https://www.dropbox.com

Dropbox is an online storage facility for files. It is free for up to 3.5 GB of storage space (we are currently using 1.46 GB).

The 2024-2025 folder currently contains:-

- Club documents such as members birthdays, club directory, evet lists, headed notepaper, programme etc.
- Club Logos
- Compliance documents
- Events – Documents for the running of our various events/projects
- Rotary theme
- Traffic management (mainly for Henham show)

Let me know if you would like access to this facility. There is also an archive folder for the last two years.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

Easyfundraisng is an online shopping addon that donates a variable cashback amount to your chosen charity. Using this system we have so far raised £437.22 from 8 supporters. Ther are over 7500 brands/companies such as Ebay, Argos, Screwfix, John Lewis, M&S, Tesco and many other big names. You just do your online shopping via the Easyfundraisng site which registers you visit and then sends you to the company's website to carry out your shop as normal. Even things such as broadband and energy suppliers are included. This does not cost you any extra.

Visit the site link above for more information on how to get started. There is a very good video explaining the system.