

Rotary International District 1070



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MELTON MOWBRAY
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Rotary International is a world fellowship of business and professional men and women committed to high standards of service in personal, business and community life.

A significant commitment of Rotary is to provide a variety of fun and opportunities for young people to travel, holiday, and study under the care of Rotary International.

Events are organised in the Melton Mowbray area to stimulate and develop important life skills such as public speaking, writing, cooking, design, music and their practical and cultural skills with the objective of assisting them to advance in their chosen field of endeavour.

We are keen to sponsor an Interact Club in Melton Mowbray. This provides our young people with their own community service club thereby giving them the opportunity to learn good citizenship, increase international understanding through contact with their peers as well as providing them with the opportunity to socialise constructively and have a good time.

Finally, the members of the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray are prepared to help the school with Mock Interviews for students proceeding directly to employment or those wishing to hone their interviewing skills for the university/college admission process.

Our purpose in producing this handbook is to publicise the very real and exciting opportunities which are available. In turn, it is hoped that suitable young people or their parents will be encouraged to contact us to talk through the programmes described.

Section 1 deals with overseas travel (pages 3-9)

Section 2 with Life Skills (pages 10 to 16)

Section 3 Interact – a service club for young people (pages 17-19)

Section 4 Other Rotary projects for young people (pages 20-21)

If you are interested in more information on any of the topics in this brochure, please contact one of the members of The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray – contact details are on page 22 – or see our web-site <http://www.mrotary.freeserve.co.uk/>.

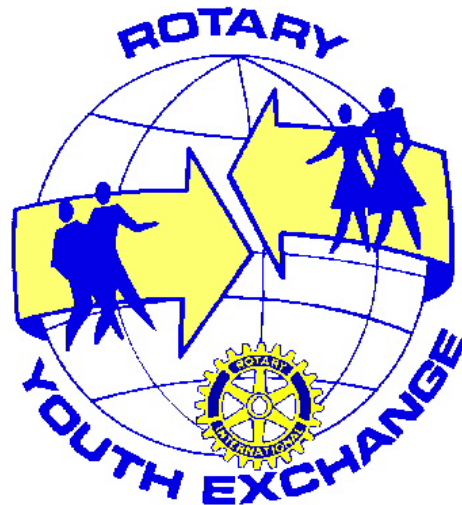
SECTION 1

**LOW COST OVERSEAS ACTIVITY, CULTURAL AND
EXCHANGE HOLIDAYS**

SCHOOL YEAR EXCHANGES

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This programme enables young people, normally between the ages of 16 and 22, to travel to other parts of the world to experience life in a culture other than their own. It is open to all young people whether related to a Rotarian or not.



OUTLINE OF THE YOUTH TRAVEL PROGRAMMES

1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All young people between the ages 16 and 22 years subject to election and sponsorship by the Council of their local Rotary Club.

2. WHAT IS THE COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL?

Participants or their sponsors are responsible for return fares to their destination plus travel insurance and normal spending money. The cost of accommodation, meals, and other expenses to enable the programme to operate are met by Rotary.

3. WHY CHOOSE ROTARY PROGRAMMES?

Low cost schemes are subsidised by Rotarian hosts.

A safe form of independent world-wide travel under the aegis of Rotary International.

Theme holidays include camping, sailing, skiing, music, languages etc. for both the able bodied and physically impaired.

Camps and tours enable participants to mix with a multinational group of people of a similar age.

Many programmes enable participants to live within a family environment so they absorb the normal culture of the host country.

4. WHEN DO PEOPLE NEED TO REGISTER AN INTEREST?

As soon as possible after September for the following year's activities.

The options available are detailed on the following pages.



OPTION I - YOUTH CAMPS AND TOURS

These are operated by different Rotary Districts that are mainly located in Continental Europe. The camps usually have a theme to draw together young people of similar interests. As an example, the East Midlands District of Rotary (District 1070) organises a bi-annual camp for twenty four young people. This is partially based at Grafham Water to enable the participants to engage in a variety of water sports. Other activities include visits to local places of interest plus staying in Rotarian's homes to gain an understanding of how we live in the United Kingdom. Only one person will be accepted from each overseas country to ensure a true multi-national mix

Information on available camps appear on the web site www.rotary-ribi.org. Youth Exchange information can be found by following the links via Committees and Administration to Youth Activities, to Youth Exchange, or by going directly to http://www.rotary-ribi.org/4_ctte/youth/youthexchange.htm.

Generally the information will appear on the web site from December until April, with January being a hectic month. In a typical year 70 to 80 camps and tours are detailed.

Please register your interest with our local contact given on the fly sheet to this chapter.

Unless specified otherwise, the language of these camps is English and they last from one to three weeks.



OPTION 2 - HOLIDAY EXCHANGES

These opportunities are for young people from all over the world who wish to spend a period in Britain to enhance their knowledge of the English language and/or to gain an understanding of our way of life.

The participants stay with the families of a person of a similar age - usually for a month - with a following reciprocal visit to their own home.

Applications from foreign youngsters are held by Rotary and it is important that a match is made with regard to age, interests, sex etc. to enable a successful exchange to be made.

A detailed Application Form needs to be completed and forwarded via this Club to our "clearing house".

The respective families are put in touch and they will then invariably make contact by telephone to establish arrangements for the visit.

The reciprocal visit will take place either immediately following the initial one or within months. For example, an Austrian may spend part of the summer here but entertain their match for a skiing holiday in the season.

Over the past several years we have arranged successful exchanges for students from our District.

N.B. We need to be sure of the commitment of the local family to the exchange coupled with a suitable standard of accommodation.



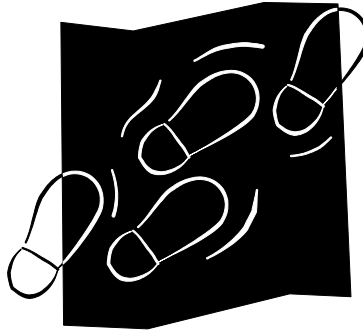
OPTION 3 - SCHOOL YEAR EXCHANGES

On occasion, the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray can arrange for a student from Melton Mowbray to travel to another country and spend a full school year out there.

Such exchanges normally span January to January.

The exchange student will probably spend time with four families in the town to which he/she travels.

Please contact the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray if you need more details



OPTION 4 – FOR THE HANDICAPPED

A small number of Rotary Camps are set up internationally and nationally to provide young physically impaired people with opportunities to engage in activity holidays.

The participant normally travels with an able bodied friend who looks after their welfare whilst themselves gaining a rich experience.

The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray has sponsored physically/mentally impaired youngsters to take part in a week's activity holiday involving water sports, abseiling etc. at the Calvert Trust in the English Lake District. This is an annual programme.

Any person taking part in these holidays will be well looked after and they invariably gain a sense of achievement from succeeding in activities that do not normally form part of their everyday lives.



WHY DOES ROTARY UNDERTAKE THESE PROGRAMMES?

The Rotary movement recognises that manufacturers of goods, service industries and commercial organisations are becoming evermore international in their trading patterns.

Many opportunities exist for those persons who prepare themselves both academically and socially to meet the requirements of these employers both large and small. Knowledge of foreign countries, their languages, peoples and cultures adds greatly to a young person's store of information. *This tends to provide them with an advantage when seeking employment.*

By voluntarily operating international youth programmes Rotary believes it provides a worthwhile service to the coming generation which will benefit their individual development and understanding of an increasingly global environment.

Please discuss these opportunities with persons who you feel will gain from the experience and put them in touch with the Rotary Contact on the fly sheet to this chapter.

SECTION 2

**COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES
TO HELP DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS**

**YOUNG MUSICIAN
YOUNG CHEF
YOUTH SPEAKS
YOUNG WRITER
ROTARY DESIGN AWARDS
MOCK INTERVIEWS**

Contact:

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ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN

Introduction

One of a number of competitions designed to promote excellence in young people is the Rotary Young Musician Festival. In 2003 the competition elicited over 250 entries from across the East Midlands.

The Competition

The competition is held in the Spring with the Grand Final in May at Melton Mowbray. A regional Semi Final is generally held in April, also in Melton Mowbray.

The festival is divided into three age groups:

6-10 years, 11-14 years and 15-18 years

Ages are as at 1st September for the preceding year, i.e. the beginning of the academic year in which the competition is held.

Within each age group there are three categories:

Solo
Duet
Group/Ensemble

And there are sections for brass, keyboard, string, woodwind, and vocal performers.

Usually the club has several entries in each section, and we hold a local heats early in the year, judged by a professional musician, to select performers to go on to the semi-finals.

A detailed set of Rules is available from the Rotary Club contact on the fly sheet to this chapter.



ROTARY YOUNG CHEF

WHO

14 to 18 year olds

WHAT

Cookery competition

At Club Competition cook a two course meal for two people with a budget of £5.

At District Competition cook a three course meal for two people with a budget of £10.

Marked for flair, imagination, skill and enthusiasm

Unbelievable standard!

Cash prize plus chef's knives etc.

WHY

A vocational skill taught as part of D&T Food Technology

WHEN

Club Competition by end January

District Competition in March at Lutterworth

National Final in May



YOUTH SPEAKS

WHO

Junior Competition for Under 14 (at 1/9)

Senior Competition for Over 14 (Less than 18 at 1/9)

WHAT

3 people in team team:

Chairman

Speaker

Giver of Vote of Thanks

Chairman 2 minutes

Speaker 4-6 minutes Juniors, 6-8 minutes Seniors

WHY

Experience of speaking on a public platform

Incentive to formulate ideas on significant subjects

Discipline of dealing with a topic in a limited time

Opportunity to compete against, and listen to, high standard of expression and demeanour

WHEN

Club competition by end December (or at least evaluate each team!)

5 or 6 District Semi Finals in Jan/Feb

Kettering, Wellingborough, Peterborough, Loughborough, Northampton

District Final in early March

RIBI National Finals late March



YOUNG WRITER

WHO

7 to 10 years
10 to 14 years
14 to 18 years

WHAT

Any prose up to 1600 words
Any poetry up to 400 words

WHY

Is there a more important life skill?
Rewards the best achievements
Puts modest funds into school

Cash prizes - up to £100 (£60 for school, £40 for student) and trophies

WHEN

Entries from Schools by end December

Club Competition judged by School & Rotary (East Midlands Arts can help)

District Entries by end March then judged in April

Cheques presented at Rotary Clubs in May



ROTARY DESIGN AWARDS

14 to 18 years

WHAT

A competition to seek out and reward good design ideas coming out of all six strands of the Design and Technology curriculum.

(Used to be “Young Inventor” that was aligned to the former CDT curriculum)

Clubs inspect D&T folders looking for GOOD DESIGN IDEAS from all strands of the Technology curriculum

Rewards the design inspiration not the outcome

Cash prizes

WHY

To stimulate tomorrow’s wealth creators

WHEN

Club Competition selects entries from folders end April/early May i.e. when folders are in school but not yet sent off to Exam Boards

Needs to take photocopy of 5 to 10 pages of winning entries

District Competition at Market Harborough in September



MOCK INTERVIEWS

Introduction

Young people face the very real possibility of an interview to decide their suitability for a job or for a place at University or College. As with anything, it is possible to improve the manner in which you come across and the impression you give, with practice.

The aim of Rotary's programme is to give the applicant a mock interview for a job or a University place, as appropriate, with full debriefing afterwards.

The interviewers are selected from members of our Rotary Club as far as is possible to have particular knowledge of, and background to, the interviewee's planned career.

The Programme

This programme operates from October to January, as that is the most appropriate time for a fifth or sixth former to prepare themselves for interviews prior to leaving school. A limited number of mock job or University interviews are available.

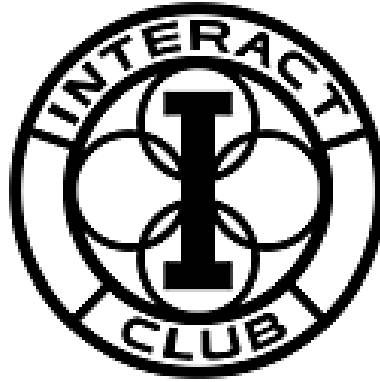
Assuming your application for a mock interview is successful you will be asked to attend at a suitable venue.

It may be possible to video some of the interviews. Providing you pay the cost of the tape or supply a blank tape to the appropriate format then you will be able to review your performance afterwards. There are no other charges.

After the interview there will be an informal review of your performance designed to alert you to your strengths and weaknesses.

Further information from your Rotary Contact at the fly sheet to this chapter

SECTION 3



INTERACT

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THE INTERACT CLUB

An INTERACT CLUB is for young people aged between 14 - 18 years, who work together to help communities locally and intrnationally.

Each Interact club is sponsored by a local Rotary Club with its activities guided by members of Rotary.

The purpose of an INTERACT CLUB is

- 1) to provide members of the Club with opportunities to work together on projects dedicated towards community service and international understanding
- 2) to develop leadership skills and the benefits of personal integrity
- 3) to create awareness of the importance of home and family
- 4) to learn the art of "Service above Self".

Interact Clubs meet every two weeks to have fun and to discuss ways of helping others.

Interact club members elect their own president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, together with chairmen for international and community projects.

Membership is open to all within the age group. The Club is community based but, as with the Melton Mowbray Club, is usually closely connected with an educational establishment.

It is beneficial to members and the health of the Club if a spread of ages is involved to ensure continuity. Moreover the aims of the organisation are best achieved when membership comprises a width of social groups.

For further information contact the person named on the fly sheet to this chapter.

WHAT

A “Junior Rotary Club” with President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer etc
2 projects per year (one Community. one International)
School or Community based - School best?
Meet fortnightly

WHY

Life skill of committee and community work
Awareness of the needs of the less fortunate in society
Conduct of meetings
Conduct of finance (e.g. segregation of club & charity monies)
Good personal development
FUN!

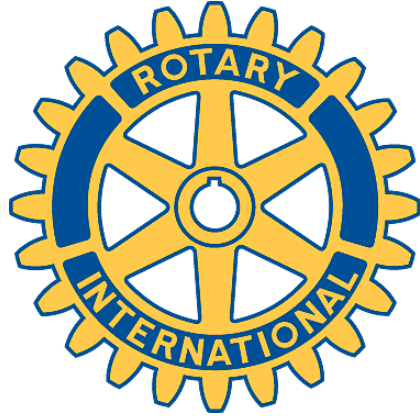
REQUIRES

Committed Rotarians 2/3/4
School or college to identify internal focus

WILL IT HELP MEET NATIONAL CURRICULUM NEEDS FOR “COMMUNITY”?



SECTION 4



OTHER ROTARY PROJECTS

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There are other Rotary Projects and Activities that may be of interest to young people, youth groups, and educational establishments in the Melton area.

KIDS OUT

Each year, in June, the Melton Mowbray Rotary Club takes children on a day out to Wicksteed Park, providing fun and happiness for disadvantaged and disabled children from the borough. This year over 1000 children from the East Midlands district of Rotary took part in the event.

COPING WITH LIFE

Rotary International in Britain and Ireland runs an ambitious project to provide schools with resources to assist students at difficult points in their lives. The format is on CD ROM's. The first covered "Bullying", and later ones cover family bereavement, divorce, and the like.

THE ENVIRONMENT

For several years the Melton Rotary Club has supplied flower bulbs for planting on village greens and in the verges of roads around the town. We work with local schools or youth groups, who help us plant the bulbs and create a more pleasant environment each Spring.

SHOE BOXES

The Melton Rotary Club participates in Rotary's shoe box scheme. We will provide specially designed cardboard "shoe-boxes" which children and families can fill with small items of use to poor families in the third world. Toys, household items, or food (non-perishable!) can be included. We organise to have these shipped to Romania, where they serve a valuable purpose in bringing some joy to the recipients.

AQUA BOXES

We also, from time to time, put funds towards Aqua-boxes for disaster areas. These are a large plastic water tank, doubling as the transportation packaging, filled with a filter, purification tablets, and a wine-box type tap. Each will purify a water supply for a family or small village in a disaster area for several months.

THE EXCITEMENT OF SCIENCE

This is a joint project between the Royal Institution of Great Britain and Rotary International in Britain and Ireland. It is a programme of exploration and discovery culminating in June 2004 at the famous Faraday Theatre at the Royal Institution with displays and with announcements of the results from the work of children who have been involved in the projects.

How to contact us:



Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray

We meet every Monday at the Melton Mowbray Working Men's Club, at 1pm (except on any 5th Monday of a month). Please visit us.

Or contact any member:

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