

Supporter Spotlight – Epsom Rotary

Recently, our Operations Manager, Karen, spent a fascinating couple of hours with Chris Shortt, Joint President of Epsom Rotary. Along with other members of Epsom Rotary, Chris has been an avid supporter and friend of The Meeting Room and our founder, the late Graham Peddie, for over 30 years.

This is the first in our 'Supporter Spotlight' series, with the intention of showcasing those organisations such as Epsom Rotary, who have a great passion for helping people in our local community.

As we are now in the runup to Christmas, it is timely to say thank you for all the help given to us by Epsom Rotary over the years, including - collection of food donations at the Ashley Centre in Epsom, delivering goods to our various drop-in centres, providing warm clothing and Christmas presents for children and adults, and cooking turkeys for our annual Christmas lunch in Fetcham.

As well as supporting The Meeting Room, Epsom Rotary are heavily involved in supporting projects with local youths, our local community in general and internationally. Some examples are -

Youth competitions & support – helping young musicians, chefs, photographers, and artists to achieve success.

Wider community – supplying vegetables to The Pantry from the Epsom Rotary allotments, giving funds and support to veterans (trips out, indoor games, archery), providing landscaping work at The Old Moat Garden Centre which supports people with learning difficulties and helping disadvantaged children by sponsoring skill taster sessions at NESCOL College.

International – organisation of a fund raiser in conjunction with Everest Spice and The Canopy restaurants to donate to the Nepal earthquake appeal, supporting the AMECA charity in Malawi with their prenatal medical facility including the provision of bicycle ambulances, and along with the Epsom Refugee Network, helping with the organisation of a summer picnic and Christmas celebrations for displaced Ukrainian families.

The items mentioned above are just the tip of the iceberg and serve as examples of how Epsom Rotary are doing good in so many communities. Please join us in celebrating and saying thank you for all the good that they and the wider Rotary organisation do, and for unsung heroes like Chris. Thank you - we really appreciate all that you do!