



Ray Munden

What's your background?

A chemist by training I worked on developing new pharmaceuticals. This was a great career as basically I was working on things that I enjoyed doing and that were intended to make people feel better. Since taking early retirement I have done some consultancy but mainly enjoy myself with family, volunteer work and holidays.

Why did you join Rotary?

I joined by accident. A friend invited me along to see what it was about. I previously had no idea and suspected it to be some stuffy organisation, so had no great expectations. As soon, however, as I went along I realised what a great group of people it was, *far* from stuffy, who had a great time while also managing to do some good. A bit like my career really!

What do you do in Rotary?

Apart from really enjoying all the social side, in which you can participate as much as you wish, I am responsible for a few things:

I currently look after communications, which is about publicising what the club gets up to.

The organisation of site services for the famous annual Kite Festival, booking the toilets, marquees, rubbish skip, getting air traffic control permission to fly the kites (yes, really!) etc.

I also organise the Historic Vehicle Shows, as a car lover this is really great fun for me.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of Royston Rotary Club?

As it is about socialising and helping others, all of it really, but I suppose that I have a special love of the Historic Vehicle Shows. I am also immensely proud of the work Rotary is doing to eradicate polio from the world - it is now so, so close to success. Oh, and I should mention being the photographer at Youth Makes Music, which is an absolutely brilliant evening.