



Graeme Dargie

What's your background?

I started my career working as an economist at the Bank of England and finished it as the Head of Banking, Trust and Investment Regulation in Bermuda.

Why did you join Rotary?

My father was a Rotarian in Scotland so I was aware of Rotary from a young age. I went on a couple of Rotary youth exchanges hosted by Rotary clubs in Norway and the US and joined my local Rotaract club when I was 18. It seemed a natural step to join Rotary when I moved to Royston in 1992.

What do you do in Rotary?

This year I am President and I have, in the past, been secretary but, for most of my years in Rotary, I have been an ordinary club member. Whatever my position, I have always wanted to get involved in the many activities of the club as I firmly believe that Rotary is first and foremost a community service organisation. As President, my aim is to continue the excellent work of my predecessors and oversee the busy programme of activities we have laid out for my year.

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

Rotary gives me the opportunity to get involved in my local community and make a real difference, whether it is encouraging young people develop the skills they will need in later life or raising money to support local charities. This year, I have asked the club to look into the feasibility of starting a memory café in Royston to cater for people with dementia and their carers. And I do this with a great group of people, many of whom have become close friends.