



## **Martin Berry**

### **What's your background?**

Towards the end of my career, I was an Independent Management Consultant and freelance IT Director. I lived a fairly peripatetic lifestyle – I worked away from home for many years on various assignments.

### **Why did you join Rotary?**

Although I have lived in South Cambs. for many years, my work has prevented me from “putting down any roots”, and my partner is new to the area. I thought that joining Rotary would help us both to meet new people and make new friends – and I was right!

### **What do you do in Rotary?**

I am responsible for a couple of things:

I organise an event called “Youth Speaks”. This event gives local children the opportunity to deliver a talk, on a subject of their choice, to an audience of teachers, parents and other children. Some of the talks are truly amazing. We run this event for children in years 4 – 8, so many come back year after year, growing in confidence and developing their presentation skills with each successive talk.

I am also responsible, this year, for organising our “link weekend”. Our club is twinned with a Rotary club in France. Each year we take it in turns to host a weekend. They come to us one year – we go to them the next. These weekends are great fun – and part of the fun is that most of the French don't speak very good English – and most of us don't speak very good French!

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

I really like that the club is so busy – there is always something to be done. I also like that we're making a difference – perhaps a modest one – but a difference never the less.