

Why the name Osgoldcross?

The name is first referred to in medieval times as one of the 14 wapentakes of the west Riding of Yorkshire, its area stretched east from Pontefract to the West Riding boundaries.

In 1885 under the redistribution of seats act a parliamentary seat under this name was created covering a similar area, this was abolished in 1918.

In 1935 Osgoldcross rural district council was formed by splitting the former Pontefract district into two parts.

The rural council covered the villages from Monk Fryston south to Darrington and east to Hensall but was administered from Pontefract.

This council was dissolved in 1974 most parishes being incorporated in Selby district. The name has since disappeared from use.

Osgoldcross and Elmet rotary club encompasses this area and villages east of Leeds which were in the ancient kingdom of Elmet.



Our history

The club was chartered in April 1991 at a meeting in the Milford Country Club with 32 members, ten of whom are still with the club. The club now meets at Monk Fryston Hall.

The parent club was Crossgates Rotary Club with extension officer Ernest Maude and local member Frank Rigby were instrumental in the forming of the new club. Frank was an honorary member until his recent untimely death.

At the outset it was decided to base the club on the geographical area from Tadcaster in the North to Knottingley in the South, the A1 road and nearby villages in the West and Selby in the East.

The object of Rotary

The object of membership is to gather together men and women of different vocations and interests and to give them a common sense of purpose. This is achieved by showing them how to carry out some form of service: to the community in which they live; or service through the international contracts which the rotary movement provides. The scope and variety of this objective is unlimited and each club is free to carry out a programme of service in its own way.

An international movement

The principles of rotary have appealed to a variety of men and women in many different communities, and although early expansion took place in the USA, Canada and the British Isles, the idea has now been accepted in many parts of the world. There are now over 1.2 million Rotarians meeting in more than 27,000 clubs and adapted to the local customs of some 150 different countries and 35 geographical regions.

There is an international administrative structure with headquarters at Evanston, Illinois, USA, which serves to link all the rotary club in the world together; but whenever they are located the clubs accept the same basic rules of membership and attendance. Although they will all follow the general programme of service, they will adapt it to their own local conditions. Thus rotary's members are united worldwide in the ideal of service