



## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BROMLEY

### Bromley

Bromley lies about 24 kms (15 miles) south east of the centre of London. About 150 years ago, it was a small market town, but as London expanded, it gradually absorbed Bromley into one of its suburbs. In area it is the largest of London's 33 boroughs and still has a large amount of open spaces, rural land, parks and woodlands.

Famous places within its boundaries include Crystal Palace, where the original great glass exhibition hall from Britain's 1851 Great Exhibition was relocated (from central London) until it was sadly destroyed by fire in 1936 and Biggin Hill the former Royal Air Force station famous for its involvement in the Battle of Britain.

Famous citizens include H.G. Wells, author and novelist ("The War of the Worlds") and Charles Darwin, naturalist ("On the Origin of Species"), lived at Down House, now a museum. Harold MacMillan, former Prime Minister was MP for Bromley for many years and an honorary Rotarian.

### Rotary



Bromley Rotary Club meet every Tuesday at Camden Place in Chislehurst, pictured above. It is now the home of Chislehurst Golf Club, but it was a private residence before that. When Emperor Napoleon III was exiled from France in 1871 he made this his home until he died in 1873, and his widow the Empress Eugenie lived there until 1880.

The Rotary Club was founded in 1923, as has over the years had numerous local professional and Business people as members; currently we have about 40 members. We have undertaken a wide variety of projects within the local community including, helping the aged, the blind, the deaf, and the very young. We also sponsor projects in the international community including orphans of HIV/Aids in Zimbabwe (The Michael Project), Footsteps International helping street children in Kenya and WaterAid. We have a contact with the Rotary Club of Gibraltar.

Our website: [www.bromleyrotaryclub.org.uk](http://www.bromleyrotaryclub.org.uk)