

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Notes of Meeting 8 October 2021

Breakfast Meeting at Youth In Romsey

President Roger Shepherd welcomed members back to the first Breakfast Meeting since the Covid lockdown.

The speaker Henry Roberts, was then introduced. He has been sponsored as an organ scholar by the Club.

Henry told us that as a child he joined the Abbey choir and from the start was fascinated by the organ. His first task was to turn the music pages for the organist. He went on to learn to play at both the Abbey and St Swithens. In 2017 he played an impromptu session in front of Prince Phillip. He has since played at a number of important cathedrals including Durham and Winchester. At the Abbey he has played at services and led at weddings. He has also conducted the choir at the Abbey. Henry has looked for opportunities to broaden his organ playing and this has included playing Hammond Organ at the Concord Club for a jazz concert. He noted that the audience there was somewhat less formal than in church! He is about to commence an Acting course at college.

After a number of questions Clive Collier gave a vote of thanks.

Roger Shepherd then announced that the next meeting would be on 15 September at the Royal British Legion at 19.00 for 19.30. The speaker will be Georgi Welsh on Dementia – A Global Health Crisis. John Whitham reminded members that partners and guests were welcome and should be booked in in the usual way. Room prep; Colin Staples and Paul Grainger. Grace; Colin Staples.

The meeting closed at 09.05.