

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of Council Meeting 3 May 2023

Present: Nigel Budd* – President Ed Holmes* Bill Gidley
Bryan Rickett Clive Collier Steve George
Brian Davies* Tony Trowsdale Roger Shepherd
Ron Bowater* Nikki Jones Charles Daniel-Hobbs*

Apologies: Graham Hollier* Stuart Wineberg*

*- Trustee

President Nigel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

These were agreed and signed by President Nigel.

Secretary

No correspondence has been received.

No report received.

Roger Shepherd explained that he had volunteered to take over as Secretary as a result of Stuart Wineberg's resignation. He suggested that as there are only two months of the year remaining there probably wasn't any point in his being made a Trustee for this period. Council agreed.

Roger had received a request from Jacqueline Martin to transfer to our club from the Rotary Club of Burford and Kingham as she had moved to the Romsey area. Council agreed that she be transferred in during the Business Meeting following.

Club Treasurer

As per attached report.

Trust Fund

As per attached report.

Graham Hollier apologised but he could not attend the meeting for health reasons but would respond to any queries by email.

Club Service

Nothing to report.

Communications

No report received.

We still have no volunteer for the chair. Nikki Jones referred to two potential new members who are keen to get involved in this. Nikki agreed to progress their membership..

Membership

As per attached report.

Fund Raising

WTTW

As per attached report.

Brian Davies noted that there has been a start to registrations but the main push will commence in the 3rd week of May. All is going well.

No request has been made to District yet for help with the cost of leaflets.

Relay Marathon

As per attached report.

Charles Daniel-Hobbs reported that all is going well, there are more teams entered than previously, more sponsorship than previously and Broadlands are OK.

Emails will be sent next week to Members about assistance required.

Community

As per attached report.

Nikki Jones proposed and Ed Holmes seconded, that the sum of £3500 be donated from the Club's Trust Fund to for Romsey Abbey Psalm 23 Garden shelter. This was agreed.

Nikki reported that she had received an email with thanks for the £500 we donated for the family of a child with cancer to have a holiday. This was much appreciated.

Foundation

Nothing to report.

International

Nothing to report.

Youth

As per attached report.

Steve George reported that the Young Carers weekend mentioned in his report has had to be postponed but will take place in the near future.

Sports and Social

Clive Collier reported that the Handover Night would take place at the Potter's Heron in a room with plenty of space.

President

As per attached report.

AOB

Clive Collier requested that income and expenditure for both WTTW and the Relay Marathon be circulated to members informally. This was agreed.

Clive raised the issue of the display board in the Memorial Park which incorrectly refers to the Round Table rather than the Rotary Club of Romsey Test. He proposed that the sum of £280 be offered to the Council from Club funds, as being 50% of the cost of correcting this. It was agreed to put this be put before the Business Meeting.

Clive asked if the Club name badges should have a pin or magnet. It was agreed that they should have a magnet.

Reports Received

Club Treasurer's Report

As of April 30th, the Club's account balance stands at £6108.77 comprising £407.14 Member's dinner account and £5701.63 club.

Above numbers include all meal invoice settlements including the skittles evening.

Walk/RM Co-op account balance stands at £38946.99 which includes working capital, Walk22 proceeds, Relay Marathon payments and Walk23 sponsorship.

Ron

Trust Fund Report

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Walk The Test Way

The planning for WTTW is progressing well, discussions with charities and sponsors have started to ensure maximum publicity for the Walk.

Posters and leaflets have been printed and Tony Trowsdale has kindly taken control of them to distribute to members to pass on to various outlets.

We will have our gazebo at the Relay Marathon to promote the Walk and Rotary, volunteers are needed on the day to give out Walk leaflets and promote Rotary.

Brian

Minutes of a Relay Marathon meeting held at Birchlands on Monday 24th April 2023 at 6.30pm

Present: Charlie Daniel-Hobbs, Rosemary Forward, Ed Holmes, Tristan Pattison, Bill Gidley, Charles Forward, Ron Bowater, Ieuan Wathen, Melanie Wathen, Steve George (guest Rotarian)

Apologies: Steve Simmons-Jacobs,

Registration and Teams

Ron reported -

- 162 teams signed up including 5 sponsor's teams

Finance and Sponsors

- Total in bank £28,726.55
- Total sponsorship money £19,000 for a budgeted spending cost of £16,000 +, £17,250 of which has already been received.
- There was some discussion about what to do with the excess of sponsorship income and Ieuan, as the only sponsor present at the meeting, stated that he would wish all sponsored monies to be spent providing as good a show as possible. It was agreed by the committee that we should purchase some barrier fencing for areas which need to be more strongly protected and Ieuan found an auction of three lots of fencing units and by agreement started the process of bidding for them.
- It was also agreed that we should buy some feather flags to sign post certain areas like the gazebo zones and the water standpipe. Charlie would look into this and purchase some.

PR

- It was agreed that £100 should be spent on Facebook to get in touch with teams who had entered in 2018 but not this year to encourage a further 10/15 teams to enter.
- Tristan needs high resolution copy adverts for the programme from some of the sponsors but this is going well.
- He and Copia were generating a lot of media content via the individual items being put out by charities and teams running in the Relay eg Minstead Trust, Bramsden & Childs, Eastleigh Ladies Rugby Club, Cupernham Junior School which would be very useful for future promotion of the event.
- Junior Marathon – only two schools would take part this year but other schools had expressed interest for the future. It was suggested that the children taking part as the final leg of their marathon effort should start just before the mass of other children in the Children's Race to highlight their achievement.
- Tristan will liaise with Copia in advanced of the 21st May to brief them on participants, sponsors and other persons of interest.

- Tristan reported that with the help of Copia he had been on a steep learning curve for this year and had learned a lot which would enable the PR for 2024 to be even better.

Service Providers

- Hildon would not be providing water this year. Instead we would purchase a pallet of bottled water and promote the stand pipes on the ground.
- Ron would sort out the testing of the water from the stand pipes at Broadlands.
- Toilets – it was agreed we need 25 toilets in total and 10 bins – need to contact AceLiftaway to order the extra toilets and bins.
- Chevron need a reminder by 9th May.
- Buggies – Ron to send them the insurance needed.
- Charlie would create a spreadsheet of what services come to the site and when for Bill.
- PA system – there was a discussion about the moving the PA system van to the other side of the track because it takes up a lot of room needed by runners and from the other side it would get a better view of the track. This would be discussed at the meeting at Broadlands.
- The speakers for the PA system need to be properly located to get maximum effect of announcements but not interfere with the horn instructions for the runners. Question if we need some additional speakers.

Site

- The container is booked to be moved to Broadlands on Thursday 18th May. The team for Thursday is Charlie, Ron, Bill, Ed and one other.
- Friday 19th May banner fencing would be erected by Men's Shed and Walking Footballers. Ieuan will bring his workforce and with some Rotarians will erect marquees.
- Saturday 20th May Steve Simmons-Jacobs has a group of Rotarian volunteers to further process the site and car park.
- It is hoped that Embley Cadets will be able to help on this Saturday and also help with taking down on Sunday afternoon. Steve George will liaise with Helen at Embley.

Marshalls

- Charles confirmed that the scouts were already lined up to help on the day.
- Steve S-J has a list of Rotarians to help over the three days which he has shared with Charles.

Entertainment and food – Ieuan and Melanie

- Melanie reported two entertainers who would require on big tent and alternate at 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 1.30.
- Food outlets would be Mexicale, Scouts BBQ, Guides tea/coffee, pizza, ice cream, and bakery. Any other food outlets ie C/F Scouts bbq would be discouraged.
- Decided that all food outlets should be in one area.

Any Other Business

- Container Days – Thursday 27th April
- Tristan suggested that the Rugby Club had two containers which they no longer needed. He would inquire into their condition.

- It was suggested that the committee should have some kind of identification clothing different from the Rotary tabards, Charles would look into gilets branded with the Rotary logo from Creative Images.

Next meeting Tuesday 9th May 6.30pm at Birchlands.

Community service report

Romsey Abbey psalm 23 garden

This has been a large ongoing project that we've been heavily involved with. From my first visit to see a very overgrown, unused piece of garden I knew this was going to be a fantastic, worthwhile and hugely beneficial project for so many people.

Fast forward a year and the project is close to completion. I'll be bringing along some photos on Wednesday to show the progress, and to help you understand what's left to do.

As I mentioned in my last report there are two key areas to finish. The planting of the water feature area (to be named as The Rotary Club of Rotary Test area) this will consist of plants chosen for their sensory nature, be that smell or touch. The cost for this £1000

The second, and in my mind most important, area to finish is the outdoor learning area. This needs to be a safe covered area that children can use all year round. Not just to be used to learn about nature but also as an outside classroom that teachers can take the children for any class. I cannot stress enough how important having access to an area like this can be for people. The school run many 'outdoor sessions' for their families where adults and friends come along and help tidy, clear and weed etc. many of the people that attend these sessions do so because they don't have access to a garden of their own. The well-being benefit of being outdoors is well documented and proven, and I genuinely believe that creating an area like this will make a difference to so many people, children and adults alike.

After another visit to the school last week (accompanied by Ron and Bill) we finalised the brief for the learning shelter. They need a strong wooden shelter (closed in on two sides). The ground needs preparing and they would like some form of flooring/ decking so the area can be used all year round safely. This is a big project and we have had quotes from several companies to supply the structure ready for erection. Men's Shed have agreed to absorb the cost of the groundwork's and complete the erection of the shelter, laying of the flooring and generally make sure the structure and surrounding area is completed (making a huge saving in labour costs)

Total cost for the shelter and flooring and materials £3500

I would like to offer the remaining money in my community budget £1500 plus the money from ROR, which unfortunately didn't go ahead this year, but came under the Community service banner. £1000

As a club we have over £2500 in unrestricted funds. I would like to ask for £1000 of this money to be put towards the completion of the project. This would allow the work to be

completed during the summer holidays and be fully open for the start of the September term.

The Psalm 23 garden will benefit so many people within our community. Not just the children and their families at the school (and all those in years to come) but all the different adults and children that use the site for Clubs, training days, Summer Camps etc. This is something that has longevity and will keep on giving for many years to come.

Total cost £4500

Please note that the school have received a grant of £1000

I have two Community members coming with me on Wednesday, both of whom many of you will have met before. Nicqui Chatterley and Lauren Denham. They are both keen to take on the communications role and between us we hope to get that side of the club back up and running and push forward with marketing both the club in general and our events etc. They are also helping with the organisation of 'The Mayors Picnic'. Both of these ladies have completed application forms and will be joining as members. You may not see them at all the meals (a bit like myself) but rest assured we are all working hard to ensure Rotary within our Community is strong and effective.

Finally, I had a fantastic visit to Minstead Trust and a meeting with Lesley Brooks yesterday. I know many of you have visited before and are well aware of this amazing facility and all the good work it does. We're talking about strengthening our partnership and working on several projects. More information to come in my next report!!!

Nikki

Youth Report May 2023

Not much to report this month but I can confirm we have supported - :

Romsey Young Carers - In sending two carers from RYC to the District Young Carers weekend on April 28th to 30th. The total cost was just £200 each for a two day adventurer offsite. We have not supported this for a number of years and so it is a pleasure to re-engage with this District event. Thanks to Ron Bowater who had an existing relationship with RYC.

Embley Park School - Nigel and Steve were invited and attended the Embley Park 'cadets' parade representing Rotary.

Steve

President's Report

Many strands of work going on, and I draw your attention to individual Council Members reports, with much do digest before next Wednesday. I also draw your attention to the Agenda for the AGM taking place next Wednesday. Many thanks to Roger for taking over the Secretary's role at short notice and producing the prodigious amount of paperwork required in advance of this.

Other matters:

- Steve George and I attended Embley School as guests for their CCF's 1st Anniversary. The Headteacher stressed again his wish to support Rotary in a any way, including support for our events and use of their facilities. I am keen to develop this relationship, so please bear in mind this kind offer when planning your events.
- I attended the Group 5 quarterly meeting, with many items discussed. Minutes are available on the Website. It has been decided that all future meetings will be held at the RBL. Meetings are open to all and I encourage maximum attendance so our Club's views can be properly represented.
- Many thanks to John Whitham for organising last week's Skittles evening. I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope it will be repeated.
- David Sutton's initial submission to Council, for funds for Scout Hut solar panels, was declined by Council, not least because all the detail required was not then available. I have agreed for David to make a further submission to Council in June's meeting when further detail should be available.
- It has been some time since we had have had a Communications Chair, with no-one currently expressing willingness to take on the role. For this reason, and other factors, our Communications strategy has lacked cohesion and is is not perhaps as effective as it could be. It is entirely possible that this is having a negative effect on our fundraising. I would like to discuss with Council the possibility of hiring a Communications specialist to effectively fulfil the role.

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Annual General Meeting 3 May 2023

Attendance

The Meeting was attended by 34 members.

1. Reports of Club Council and Committee Chairmen

Note. All reports are included at the end of this document.

The reports were noted.

2. The Club Treasurer's Report and the Trust Fund Treasurer's Report

The Club Treasurer's Report

The report was noted.

The Trust Fund Treasurer's Report

The report was noted.

3. Appointment of Hon. Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2023/24

Peter Stuckey and David Bloomfield were unanimously appointed as Honorary Independent Examiners for 2023/24. Peter Stuckey will examine the Trust Fund accounts and David Bloomfield the Club accounts.

4. Honorary Members for 2023/24

The Secretary noted that there had been no nominations for new Honorary Members.

5. Election of a Secretary for 2023/24

In view of the resignation of Stuart Wineberg there was a vacancy for the position of Secretary in 2023/24. Nominations were requested.

Roger Shepherd was proposed by Greg Hall and seconded by Keith Cameron.

Roger was unanimously elected.

6. Election of the Ordinary Members of Club Council for 2023/24

No nominations were received. This matter will be dealt with at the Club Assembly on Wednesday 7 June 2023.

7. Election of the representatives of the Club on the District Council

In accordance with established practice, the President (Ed Holmes), Vice-President (Clive Collier) and Secretary (Roger Shepherd) were elected as the Nominated Representatives to District Council for 2023/24.

8. Adoption of Current RGBI Policies Concerning

- Equality and Diversity
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding (Children)
- Safeguarding (Vulnerable Adults)
- Data Protection Policy/ RCoRT Privacy Statement.

These standard RGBI policies were adopted.

I certify that these Minutes are a true and accurate record of the business transacted at the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test held on 3 May 2023.

Signed..... Date.....

Nigel Budd

President of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test

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Annual General Meeting May 2023 – Reports

Secretary's Report

Well having just taken over the roll from Stuart Wineberg one of the first tasks is writing an AGM report for the year! Initially I would like to thank Stuart for doing an excellent job as Secretary until our recent changeover. Stuart is very grateful for the assistance of Rosemary Forward who has been responsible for the production of Minutes for Business Meetings and general assistance. Stuart is also very appreciative of Jon Livingstone's assistance upon taking up the role and during absences.

At the AGM you will be able to choose a Secretary for next year. I would be happy to undertake this role for the next year if Members so wish.

Roger Shepherd

Club Treasurers Report

The Club's finances are in good shape and at the end of April the Club had £6108 in its bank account which in addition held a £395 positive balance on members' dinner accounts.

This is £750 down from the same point last year with two months to go in the Rotary year. But at around £5700 the account is still reasonably healthy and is large enough to cope with the 'troughs' that occur due to members' dinner account expenses for partners events prior to settlement of accounts.

The budget for the year was set on the basis of a full normal twelve months maintaining members subscriptions to the Club at £10 per month which we plan to maintain next year. Note that of this monthly amount, £1.27 pays for the District levy and £5.75 to RGBI leaving approx. £3 for the club so that for a full year, we have £1260 to keep our club ticking over.

This year we have not been very proactive in offering our speakers the standard speaker fee of £60. However, we have had more guests and speakers than expected so that has over-compensated.

In the New Year we started the new Royal British Legion room charge scheme where the cost of using the room (£100) is spread over all members resulting in a dinner account charge of around £1.67 per meeting. This then reduces the actual cost per attending (and eating) member to £13.60 from £16.50.

Ron Bowater

Accounts from 1/7/22 to 27/4/2023 as follows:

Club Income	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Subs received from members	5837.00	
Regalia sales	6.00	
Raffle Profit	0.00	
Interest income	0.00	
Donations	0.00	
Sundries income (District badges)	230.31	
Total Club Income	6073.31	7080.00
Club Expense		
Guests/Speakers Meals	1026.00	550.00
Room Hire	330.00	300.00
District Levy	915.00	885.00
RGBI Levy	4147.25	4130.00
Regalia Purchase	31.50	50.00
Web Hosting + Stationery	182.28	150.00
Honararium	0.00	300.00
Gratuities	0.00	
Publicity	0.00	200.00
Speakers Fees	60.00	900.00
Sundries	131.39	
Bank Charges	0.00	
Capital Expenditure	0.00	
Total Club Expense	6823.42	7565.00
Income less Expense	-750.11	-485.00
Start of year members		
Bank account	6927.20	
Members	463.60	
Club	6463.60	
End of April 2023		
Bank Account	6108.77	
Members	395.28	
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- This has been our first full year at our new meeting location at The Royal British Legion, Romsey. (RBL)
- The location has provided The Club with the facilities that are compatible with the needs of running a Rotary club.
- The RBL management and caterer have worked hard to provide us with the service and facilities we need. Our thanks go to them for their support.
- We did face issues during the middle of the year when the food standards began to fall below the value for money and quality.
- The RBL Management were eager to address this problem.
- Rising food prices are causing quality and choice issues.
- Members were complaining of cool and cold food. The transportation from the kitchen to the table was reorganised and this has solved the problem.

Within the meal charge of £16.50p, a £3 rental for the hall hire was included.

- Club members agreed to remove the hall hire costs from the meal charges, to provide an equitable method of funding the hall hire costs. The hall hire cost is now distributed to all club members as the hall is primarily for Rotary Club business. Council and Club members accepted this proposal. The meal costs has reduced to £13.50.
- We are sending advance notification of menus to all members.
- I would like to thank all those members who have assisted in the following roles. Their efforts and support are much appreciated.

Club History – Martin Russell

Environment Advisor – John Gould

Equality & Diversity – Christine Sergeant

Event Co-Ordinator – David Sutton

Health & Safety – Steve Simmons-Jacobs

Regalia Officer – Clive Collier

Chamber of Commerce Contact – Stewart Mitchell

Protection Officer – Norman Oldmeadow

Ed Holmes

Membership and Recruitment Report

The Rotary year commenced with Clive Daley chair of Membership.

In September pressure of work forced him to resign this position, and later his club membership.

I, Tony Trowsdale, volunteered to take on the role just until the end of this 2022/3 Rotary year. There being no other expressions of interest, Council accepted this offer.

My first actions were:

I contacted the other members of the committee as shown on the club website. All were of the opinion that their membership of the Membership Committee had ceased June 30 2022, and a lack of invitations to Membership Committee meetings after that date confirmed this view. None were able to join the 2022/3 committee.

I contacted all the members of the "lunchtime club" who had joined us asking how we might improve their integration with our club. All felt they had been made welcome, but did not know by whom as nobody wore name badges. The Junior Vice President has been investigating the sourcing of new "official" Rotary name badges.

Following up recommendations from District that clubs consider seeking members' views of club membership, meeting and activities following the enormous upheavals of the pandemic, I recommended to Council that we run a short survey to this effect, and that I would phone up the members who did not reply online to ensure their views were taken into account. Council voted this down on the grounds that members I phoned may consider it harassment, and suggested I form a focus group.

I invited a carefully selected small group of members reflecting the different factions of the club to form this Focus Group. We had meetings and corresponded online, made an interim report to Council, but no consensus could be reached and the group died.

The following have resigned from the club for various reasons since the start of this Rotary year:

Sue Bakewell / Nick Bellamy / John Burgess / Clive Daley / Kerry Daley / David Pantling / Simon Trotter.

This month [May 2023] we welcome

Jacqueline Martin, a Rotarian from Burford and Kingham club, who has moved to the Romsey area

And new member Steve Rhodes

I wish to acknowledge the considerable help and support I have received from Roger Shepherd during this term in office.

I also wish to make special mention of Ian Bullivant as Almoner. I asked him to fill this role when I became President, and he has continued to do so with great tact and kindness ever since. So he has been in the role for 7 years!

I will not be standing for re-election.

Tony Trowsdale

Foundation Report

As a new chair of the Foundation committee I was delighted that the "End Polio" fundraising event at Hilliers ran smoothly and was well supported by members of the club (many thanks). At the end of the 6 day "tin rattling" event, over £1200 was raised and sent directly to the end polio now charity. As we know this sum is tripled by the Bill Gates Foundation. Just as importantly our interaction with the public was a great way of showing Rotary in action.

I did have an objective to try to encourage more club members to make a contribution to Foundation by demonstrating the breadth of Rotary charitable work across the world. This has been delayed but a speaker is now booked for early next Rotary year.

Bryan Rickett

International Report

During Rotary year 2022/3 RCRT has supported the following International projects and needs:

- DentAid dental health project in Uganda (£710)
- Life Centre School, Kisumu Kenya: books to support teaching (£1600)
- Rainbow School, Kathmandu, Nepal: Menstrual health project for girls, tackling a taboo subject in Nepalese society enabling girls not to miss out on education (£1344)
- Pakistan flooding Rotary disaster fund (£400)
- Shelterbox in connection with Pakistan flooding and approx. cost of 1 shelterbox (£600)
- Turkey/Syria earthquake Rotary disaster fund (£1000 from RCRT Trust Fund plus £2500 personal donations incl. GA)
- Lukhenyiso, South Africa Safe House for children. A donation to Robbie Sprague's supported charity, in recognition of his entertaining talk to RCRT (£200, made up of £60 speaker fee from Club funds and £140 from RCRT Trust Fund)

In summary we have donated £5784 from RCRT Trust Fund, £60 Club funds and £2500 of personal donations to International good causes.

I suspect that it will always be impossible to be 100% sure that all funds donated internationally have been spent well, but my personal belief is that we have sufficient evidence and reason to suppose that all of these donations have gone to good causes and have made a significant positive impact on the lives of very many people in regions of severe need.

Bill Gidley

Youth Opportunities Report

During the 22/23 year RCoRT have been involved in the following Youth activities -

- o- Young Enterprise at Romsey School
- o- Young Organ Scholar support
- o- Year 10 career Interviews at Mountbatten School
- o- Initiated communication and development of relationship with Embley School
- o- Dictionaries for Life (D4L)
- o- Learn to Earn - Romsey School
- o- Supporting Mountbatten schools Summer and Autumn concert Choir at Romsey Abbey
- o- Supported Mountbatten Music academy
- o- Youth Speaks
- o- Young Photographer - first year
- o- Young Technologists Tech Tournament - 3 new schools introduced
- o- Life Education Wessex charity
- o- Peace Jam Winchester re-introduced
- o- Young Carers weekend away (April 2023)

Thank you to all those involved in the committee , organising and delivering these events and for the Rotarian support in helping supporting and making sure events ran smoothly. We hope to build on successes, learn from events we ran and where possible introduce new ideas for 2023/24.

Speakers arranged -:22/23:

- Andy Robinson - Airport design and build
- Judith Houghton - School Governorship
- Fiona Leonard Hills - Life Education Wessex

- Mark Tomlin - Plants and Poisons

Steve George

SPORTS AND SOCIAL REPORT

Our Sports and Social year has proceeded as follows:

29 June. Presidential Handover at the White Horse Hotel. An enjoyable evening.

31 Aug. Partners evening Chez Collier with superb food provided by Taste Catering. An enjoyable, relaxed evening enjoyed by all attendees.

September saw the club's golfers play at Wellow GC and have a convivial lunch. Mr Radford's handicap needs looking at !!!!!

14 December. Black Tie Christmas dinner at the White Horse followed by dancing. Agreed that the Stables at the White Horse was not a large enough venue for the numbers and a band.

30 March. A partners evening at the White Horse with Julian Gee as the after dinner speaker.

27 April. Partners skittles at the Mill Arms at Dunbridge. A really enjoyable evening and thanks to John W for arranging.

31 May. Walking treasure hunt around the town centre followed by a simple meal at the Legion. Thanks to Jon Livingstone for organising.

Many thanks are due to the committee members for their support during this year.

Clive Collier

Relay Marathon Report

The Rotary Relay Marathon will go ahead on Sunday 21st May 2023.

Planning has been ongoing since November 2022 after a successful revival of the event in 2022 after Covid. A committee of 10 was established retaining five members of the committee of the Rotary Club of Romsey, with the addition of members of the Test Club and two people with expertise from outside the Rotary Club.

- Meetings have been held every month since then
- Sponsors from previous years have been contacted and some new sponsors have come on board making a total donation of £18,000 to aid running the event and ensure that every pound raised by teams and entrance fees will be donated to charity. Barratts continue to be the principal sponsor.
- On going advertising of the event has been undertaken by members of the committee. Copia Events have offered their services free to help advertise the event and provide photography and interviews on the day.

- To date 163 teams have registered to take part in the event.
- Entertainment for the children has been booked and several new food outlets have been booked to augment the offerings of Copythorne Scouts and Guides.
- Service providers have been booked; Emit Race timing, Loos and bins, buggies, First Aid, PA system.
- Site set up will be undertaken by Rotarians with the help of Men's Shed and Walking footballers. Embley School will also provide help with this and take down.
- Marshals for the Race Track and car park will be provided by Scout Groups in the area and Rotarians will man key areas.
- A new idea for this year is the inclusion in the Children's Race of some young people who are undertaking a marathon fund raiser for their school which involves them running a mile a day for 26 days culminating in the Children's Race at the Relay Marathon.

Charlie Daniel Hobbs

Walk The Test Way Report

Another successful year in 2022 for Walk The Test Way.

In excess of 300 walkers took part on the day and raised approx. £48k for charities of their choice.

Our challenge in the future is to obtain more sponsorship and endeavour to attract more walkers from outside the local area.

Our team is still a small one however it is good to see the club as a whole involved on the day.

We should be in a position to transfer £10,000 to club funds in June 2023.

Many thanks to all Rotary Club members and look forward to the Walk on 24th September 2023.

Brian Davies