

**ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST**  
**COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY MEETING - 3 JUNE 2020**

**ATTENDEES**

- Bill Gidley - Chair
- Nick Bellamy
- Keith Cameron
- Clive Collier
- Brian Davies
- Sandy Dunn
- Steve George
- Graham Hollier
- Nikki Jones
- Gren Lamb-Hughes
- Jon Livingstone - Secretary
- Stewart Mitchell
- Shaun O'Brien
- Bryan Rickett
- Roger Shepherd
- Iain Small
- Peter Stuckey

**MINUTES**

Bill opened the meeting and invited Bryan to run the Assembly.

**Vice-President; incoming President**

Bryan referred to his report (reports are included following) that he was honoured to become President from July. These are strange times. He thanked Bill for his work to adjust to them. Bryan thanked all Committee Chairs and Officers, with special thanks to Graham for continuing another year as Trust Fund Treasurer.

Bryan appreciated the work of Sandy and team for 'Walk the Test *Another Way*', just completed its first month and we should all seek to get behind this.

Bryan referred to budgets and was keen that we do use monies the Club has to support needs, rather than carry forward funds to the following year. His goal was to maintain the Club within the difficult times and he looked forward to the resumption of face to face meetings and normal activities once possible.

Peter Stuckey shared the difficulty the Club has identifying needs. Members help Nikki with suggestions.

**Club Treasurer**

Nick shared the rationale to maintain the monthly subscription at a very reasonable £10, plus meals. This will be sustainable for another three or four years. The Club also has savings on expenditure, whilst during lockdown. These are approximately £300 a month.

Nick also explained that the budget includes allowance for potential venue hire for events and speaker fees, once social meetings re-commence.

- The budget was approved by Council, plus ten Members had voted in favour, in advance. None against.

**Trust Fund Treasurer**

Graham outlined the approach to spread funds over the next two Rotary years. Also, within each year to reserve funds not specifically allocated, to central uncommitted funds to meet areas of need as they arise rather than lock funds in budgets that may not be used. These uncommitted funds will be circa £4k in 2020/2021. Graham noted there will be an opportunity to review budgets in January, with any additional potential funds from 'Walk the Test *Another Way*' at that stage.

- The budget was approved by Council, plus ten Members had voted in favour, in advance. None against.

**Communications**

Keith welcomed Peter Stuckey to the Communications team. Keith also mentioned the Lunchtime Club have a PR professional with whom he will liaise and explore common ground. Keith also requested Committee Chairs to update the content of their pages on the Club website and will be in touch to initiate this.

## **Membership & Recruitment**

Discussion re Shaun's report:

Bryan noted that RGBI slogan this year was to 'Grow Rotary'

Clive noted RCoRT is a big Club at present. Bill that age was an issue. It is ....

Bryan, a need to recruit to stay still

General agreement that it will be difficult to attract new members in the present circumstances and a continuing effort.

## **Fundraising**

Sandy updated on 'Walk the Test *Another* Way'. One month in, so early days. Members please continue to spread the word as widely as possible. A quarter of the Club have done so with previous Rotary Clubs of which they have been a member. That is really good news. Please continue these efforts.

If appropriate, involve more 'social-media-savvy' younger friends or grandchildren to spread the message.

Brian Davies advised the following figures:

: Walkers registered	54
: Registration fees	£418
: Just Giving	£6,668

N.b. There is a two weeks' time lag on the Just Giving figures, so will already be higher.

Keep up the good work.

Sandy also noted this was his last year as Fundraising Chair and Chair of the WTTW Committee; which he has enjoyed and has been a real pleasure. The Club will have to find a new Chair for WTTW. It may not need to be the same person as Fundraising Chair, so long as they work together.

New WTTW Chair should be in place by December 2020, well ahead of the Walk the Test Way in September 2021.

## **Community Service**

As report. Nikki has been in initial contact with schools, expecting children will need additional support once they return to education.

Nikki will also contact Sandy with ideas to promote 'Walk the Test *Another* Way'.

## **Foundation**

As report. Stewart remains keen to establish known contacts with local schools.

## **International**

As report. Gren also referred to the balance to maintain the focus between providing local support at present, whilst there would never be a limit on the potential activity and needs internationally. Gren and the International Committee will continue to review areas for support in line with the principles the Committee has established.

## **Youth**

Consensus that this will be very difficult year for schools. Steve also shared that RGBI will not be running national competitions for Youth Speaks and Technology Tournament, which RCoRT has run. Or for other areas Steve has considered; Young Photographer, Young Writer and Young Chef. Any Youth activities will need to be locally run, or in combination with another Club.

Steve's recommendation was to use the year to take stock; have a dialogue with schools what their needs are, most likely for the following year. Youth Committee will continue to link with Youth In Romsey and continue to progress Dictionaries for Life. Stuart Wineberg has taken on Dictionaries and discussed arrangements for storage and delivery of the dictionaries to schools in October.

Bill advised that a local Technology Tournament Q1 next year seems unlikely unless schools return to normal in the September term, to enable planning to begin during this year.

## **Sports & Social**

As report. Clive looks forward to holding a celebration of getting together again, once this is possible.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Bill advised that David Sutton had attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Huckslow & Kettering, his brother's Club.

Bill is liaising with Ed Holmes within the Lunchtime Club and will consider further scope to work together. Discussion how this might involve joint working where a common purpose; even a combined Committee/s. Bill will keep all updated.

Bill will also liaise with Graham Lee and seek to clarify to all Members, arrangements for Giving in Lieu of Meals.

**ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST**  
**ASSEMBLY - WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2020**  
**REPORTS**

**Vice President**

I must start by saying thank you to the club for electing me as your future president, being a founder member of the club I knew that one day I would have to take my turn but I can honestly say that this is a great honour for me. I hope that I can live up to the clubs well deserved reputation for action, fundraising and fun. Bill has set the bar very high, many of the club won't be aware of the huge extra workload imposed on him by the need to adapt to this new situation (adaptions that I will gladly inherit). I thank him on behalf of the club for his fantastic year.

I welcome the Districts assistant district governor, Cecil Rose who as leader of Group 5 is here (albeit remotely) to hear our plans for the coming year and provide advice from District.

I was delighted that so many of the current committee chairs were happy to continue into this very strange rotary year. Peter and Ian have completed excellent work as chairs of Community service and membership respectively and I thank them, alongside thanking Nikki and Shaun for taking on these vitally important roles in the most difficult of times.

I must reserve special thanks for Graham who has volunteered to stay on as trust fund treasurer to help with the difficult times ahead, as a result our new Junior vice Nigel Budd has been spared the joy of running the accounts of the trust fund for which he had very kindly volunteered.

In terms of vision for the coming year, well that would be a great idea! I can see that the need for charity and local support in the face of the virus aftermath will be vast. I hope that the club will use its admittedly limited funds (obviously hoping that Sandy and the walk committee defy the odds) to maximum effect to help both local and international needs. To me it would be a failure if we are left with unspent charity funds in the new budget at the end of my year.

To reiterate, the walk committee have come up with a great alternative plan and given our situation we must support Sandy and the team with every effort, particularly marketing the event at every opportunity.

I am sure that Clive and the sports and social committee will work hard to provide us with some virtual events during lock down and I also hope that members will step forward to offer talks to the club on a regular basis. The hope is that when we can risk physical meetings again we will be able to hold a catch up celebration and renew the fellowship and fun that I consider is the cornerstone of our clubs success.

In terms of radical changes I think that you can be assured that I will be delighted if after this we can get back to the status quo. Then we can start complaining about all the things we used to worry about and possibly investigating changes again! It is true that the appointment of Shaun as membership lead is a minor declaration of intent to grow Rotary by maintaining the clubs search for younger members, giving them important jobs to do and advance our inclusive agenda.

I look forward to a very unusual rotary year and I am confident that you as the great members that you are will support me during my extended learning curve!

Bryan Rickett

## Club Treasurer

### Club Treasurer's Report to Assembly 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

The Club's finances remain in a healthy state and at the end of the current year we are forecast to have £9,334 of positive funds at the bank excluding the positive balances on members meal accounts, down from its peak of £11,350.

The Club subscription at £10 per month was maintained and this resulted in a deficit for the year of £925 which would have been greater but for the lockdown. The policy of keeping the cost of Rotary down and using the "surplus" in the bank to cover the deficits means that we can maintain a £10 per month subscription for another three or four years.

The budget for 2020/21 has been prepared on a full year's basis i.e. assuming no lockdown. However, lockdown is likely to extend well into 2020/21 and the Club's expenditure is estimated to be about £300 less than that budgeted for each month that we remain in lockdown.

The figures are similar to those in last year's budget except for that of room hire where additional funds have been added to cover the cost of hiring rooms for social events.

### Budget 2020/21

	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	<b>£7,200</b>	<b>£6,720</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Subscriptions RIBI	£3,830	£3,750
Subscriptions District	£1,020	£952
Room Hire	£1,950	£2,100
Purchasing Regalia	£75	£50
President's Honorarium	£300	£300
Gratuities	£200	£220
Postage Stationery etc	£150	£75
Communications	£200	£200
Unrecovered Meal Cost	£550	£550
Contingency	£200	£200
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£8,675</b>	<b>£8,522</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(£1,475)</b>	<b>(£1,802)</b>
Club Bank Balance 30/06/19	£10,194	
Club Bank Balance 30/06/20	£9,334	
Club Bank Balance 30/06/21	£7,532	

Nick Bellamy

## Trust Fund Treasurer

Sorry for bombarding you with a lot of information, for a relatively small amount of money, necessary to explain the proposals but ensures that the club's major activities can be supported for 2 years if required. The 3 attachments (Appendix 1) show:-

1. The forecast financial outcome for 30th June 2020,
2. Budgets proposed by committees which are their spending plans for 2020/21.
3. The position we will be in on 1st July 2020 via an FMR for this date which will be the working document for 2020/1

These documents have been reviewed by Bill Gidley, Bryan Rickett and Roger Shepherd.

There is an agreed fundamental shift in the way that trust fund monies will be spent for 2020/21 and possibly 2021/22, due to the fact that our main source of income, the Walk, funds from which are usually used to fund the following year's activities being cancelled. These are plans for a worst-case scenario but should alternative sources of funds become available via WTT another Way or any other activity, these proposals will be reviewed in January 2021. The plan is to use our forecast financial resources available on 30th June 2020, the end of our financial year, **to cover activities for a 2 year period.**

In short, committee chairs were asked to focus on known activities for which a commitment exists to fund and this has been done. The result is that budget requests for 2020/21 are some c£9k lower than 2019/20. Any balance of funds available; uncommitted funds, and to clarify, these are funds for which no specific plans have been made, will be available for bid by any committee. This gives us c£4k to meet areas of need as they are seen rather than lock funds in budgets that may not be used.

With thanks to incoming committee chairs for their support in this.

## Notes of the proposals

### Attachment: RCoRT accounts to 18/05/20

Shows reconciled accounts up to 18/05/20 which forms the basis of the forecast for funds to be carried over to 2020/21. This shows an uncommitted balance of £11,432 to be carried f/wd to 2020/21 which assumes that the current committee budget balances of £1,708 are spent and no further draw is made on the account up to 30th June 2020. Should need not preclude us from making emergency donations bearing in mind the impact that such expenditure could have on our available income for 2020/21 & 2021/22.

### Attachment: Budget Application 20/21 & 21/22

These are the budget proposals submitted by committee chairs and used in the calculations to drive out the above report which produces our financial planning for 2020/21 as shown above.

## **Attachment: RCoRT account proposals years 2020/21**

Being mindful of the points made above, this is the working Financial Management Report for 2020/21 which of course can only be a forecast at this time. Compilation made necessary for presentation to Club Assembly on 3rd June and details the following:-

1. Forecast balance of funds available as at 1st July £29,594. after adding the transfer of £18k from the Walk Fund. Under Committed Funds, you will see that c50%, £14,500 is reserved for carry-over to 2021/22. Should further funding become available in 2020 the budgets can be reviewed in January 2021 and this reserve could form part of any calculations. Also allowed under committed funds are the sums of £500 which we have agreed to donate to Stuart Marshal at Mountbatten School and the sum of funds received so far from members for Foundation Giving.
2. The forecast for useable uncommitted funds is shown as being £3,821. This assumes that the committee budget proposals are approved.

Any further information required, let me know.

Graham Hollier

### **Communications**

#### ***Overview***

Predicting how we will be operating as a Club is difficult but communicating both internally and externally will be essential and it will be important that we try and generate companionship by sharing information with one another as much as possible.

'Zooming' is definitely one of the processes that is already helping and can be added to the basic tools/systems we have to use as a Club. No single platform provides a replacement for meeting up but fortunately the majority of members are IT savvy and we seem to be finding ways of adapting.

#### **Website**

This has been built and managed by Paul Grainger and is our shop window. It is also the foundation block for all our information storage including managing our booking-in system.

John Gould inputs information to the front page and there are other pages for Committee Chairs to update their activities and explain what they do.

The membership section holds all the information useful to members as well as an archive sections where reports are held and photos for Club events can be stored.

#### **Monthly events sheet**

This is run by David Sutton and provides us with updates on the weekly events planned during the coming year along with the duty roles and the minute takers.

#### **Quarterly Newsletter**

This has been very successfully run by John Gould for the last twenty-five issues and provides a very good overview, to both members and supporters of Rotary, of the projects and activities we have been involved with as well as a summary of upcoming events. It has a circulation of approximately two hundred and is very well thought of, keeping everyone linked into the Club and our activities.

John has decided to move on from this role so we are now looking for a new Atticus.....

### **Romsey Advertiser/Echo**

David Sutton networks with the paper and has great success in getting our activities and events published.

### **Other publicity material**

Neill Beasley is our 'artist-in-residence' and helps the club with photographic input and design work for our key events.

### **Facebook and other new IT communication formats**

This is led by Shaun O'Brien and although taking on the Membership Chair, has agreed to continue his lead with Facebook. We are hoping that we will be able to publicise events more widely through this and other associated links as it is seen as a key area of communication now and in the 'new normal' as it emerges.

### **Summary**

The above are the canvas sheets which are blank until Committee Chairs provide photos and material to fill them. The Club does a tremendous amount which, unless we share, is lost to many Club members as well as the community at large. Our Club has a very good image in Romsey and is well respected. This will be lost if we do not share what we do.

All team members are keen to continue in their role but we do need a new editor for the Club Newsletter. As part of reading this, could each incoming Committee Chair please send through an update for their front page on our website. Also, an update photo if you wish to look a bit older!

*Team members:-*

*John Gould, David Sutton, Shaun O'Brien, Neill Beasley, Paul Grainger, Keith Cameron*

Keith Cameron

### **Membership & Recruitment**

This year is very different to any of the years gone before, therefore we need a total change of tack. We also need to recruit members of varying ages so its a fully inclusive club, attracting younger members whilst never forgetting to older new members.

Committee Mission Statement

To encourage new membership applications whilst maintaining existing members. It markets Rotary as a fun, exciting way of serving the community around us.

Actions to achieve this



Social media to include campaigns on Facebook and Instagram.

Recruitment video to be created and launched on Youtube

A membership promotional radio advertisement on local community radio

The above actions can be put into place even within the times we find ourselves currently. I believe we can show the club to be fun, relaxed and exciting while making it very clear that service should and is our primary function.

Shaun O'Brien

### **Fundraising**

The aims and objectives of our committee are:

1. To ensure that we meet the needs of our club's direct spending on activities and charities/ good causes which we support at home and internationally and;
2. To facilitate around 150 charities each year to benefit from funds raised at our annual 'Walk the Test Way' (WTTW) charity walk event and to undertake ad hoc fundraising opportunities;
3. To having fun doing 1 and 2.

We live through strange times and for the very first time I have to report on two charity walk fundraisers in the same Rotary year! As a consequence of Covid19 and the imposition of the social distancing restrictions we took the decision at the end of April to cancel the autumn 2020 'Walk the Test Way' fundraiser. It simply wasn't feasible to plan for an event involving a mass gathering of people, funnelling them through Crosfield Hall and transporting them on coaches up to 26 miles in such uncertain times. Unfortunately leaflets and posters advertising the event had been designed and printed ahead of 'lockdown' restrictions so using up valuable sponsorship funding kindly given by Specsavers.

Rather than 'do nothing' and to enable our club to respond to the need to support charities at a time when they need that support most, we made the decision to launch an alternative walk fundraiser - 'Walk the Test *another* Way'. This event is an adaptation of our usual format but allows walkers to comply with social distancing restrictions and yet still raise money for their favourite charities.

'Walk the Test *another* Way' was launched 1<sup>st</sup> May is due to close for registrations on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Early indications are that registration numbers are relatively low but funds raised per walker is relatively high. With two months yet to go as I write this report, we will continue to pull out all the stops to raise as much for charities as we possibly can. World-renowned chef Rick Stein and his wife Sass completed the 25-mile challenge while 'locked down' in Sydney while his previous wife Jill completed her 25-mile challenge by walking along the Camel Trail and around the Padstow, Cornwall.

The next 'Walk the Test Way' fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the Crosfield Hall is already booked!

The Parkinson's UK street collection originally scheduled for the end of May also fell victim to Covid19 but we will rearrange for that to take place sometime during Rotary the year ahead.

I will provide support to our Foundation chairman Stewart as he plans his fundraising at Hillier Gardens in February 2021 in aid of Foundation's End Polio Now campaign.

This will be my final year as fundraising chairman. I will also step down as chairman of the walk committee later this year when current and any rearranged fundraising activities conclude and in good time before the Walk the Test Way 2021 event. A new chairman of the walk event should ideally be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> December this year to oversee planning for next year's event. Recruitment has commenced but without success. We may need a volunteer.

Sandy Dunn

### **Community Service**

Team

Nikki Jones

Nick Bellamy

Mike Kelly

Mike koscian

Coronavirus will have an impact on how we as a community group operate over the coming year. There will be changes to historic funding in order to ensure funds are available for local needs.

There will be no 'know your blood pressure day'. Changes to this event have made it inappropriate for us to be involved with.

'The Ark' at Romsey Abbey Primary school was a great success. Many children will have been affected by Covid 19 and will have been away from school for many months, creating heightened levels of anxiety. The need for support and well-being will be great. We will help schools create safe, nurturing environments for children, parents and teachers

We are developing good relationships with several local primary schools and groups who work with children and families in need. Regular team meetings and the need to 'raise our profile' within the Romsey community is essential. We will make people aware of all that The Rotary club has to offer ( not just financial handouts). With the reduction of incoming funds, we need to promote the skills and resources we have within the club.

Many local charities and groups will see a decrease in funds due to lack of fundraising events. As a group we will need to be more reactionary in the coming year to help with these situations as they become apparent

Hope you're all enjoying the sunshine!!!

Nikki Jones

### **Foundation**

Times are difficult in many ways now and has affected our way of operating. Committees planning still has to happen, especially on budgets and funds available and Foundation is no exception. However our major Foundation events are in the not held at this time of year, but progress will be picked up again in the Autumn.

Here is my overview of Foundation as a reminder to all about what Foundation means. So if you have any queries or need help with more details or Grant applications please contact me.

Rotary is not a charity, but it is a charitable organisation. There is a difference.

Foundation is 'The Rotary Charity' It has been central to the workings of Rotary since the 1930's. Our donations enables us to award Paul Harris fellowships for exemplary service to our club and the wider community.

The funds that go into it enables Rotarians to 'punch above their weight' and think and act on the big issues in our world which individual clubs could never do. Because of its existence it should make us think more about our own club projects and how to finance them enabling us to broaden our contribution domestically and internationally. The club has been finding its way on working with Foundation much more in recent years.

Giving to Foundation is not mandatory. It is not a 'cost' of being a member. The funds we give are voluntary and are given because we want to support the initiatives that our organisation is doing. A lot of this work would not be sustainable at club level. Thank you to all who regularly contribute to 'our charity' and I hope you will continue during this difficult time. The funds will be needed more than ever

There are lots of opportunities within the Foundation world and therefore the club should look at some of them with open eyes and make what we can of them. I think this process had started and should make us think about projects and events.

This year I'll be Promoting Peace Jam again in March 2021. WE have had set backs with this event, as it has been cancelled or curtailed for last two years, so momentum from our viewpoint has been lost. Problems with engaging with schools hasn't helped either. But I will follow this problem up when we are able after schools fully return.

End Polio event will again take place at Hilliers, in a similar format, but I will be looking at refreshing it and which week to schedule. WE have talked to Hilliers about holding an evening event at their refurbished catering space at Jermyns House. We will have to see if this is likely to be ready in February 2021, due to delays with the lockdown

Below is set out what I try to do during the year. If you need help please ask

Promote Foundation Grants and activities and help members participate. If you have a project in mind please consider if you can use a grant which doubles your funding.

Help to oversee the qualification process for grants both global and district.

Conduct Foundation based club programmes/events, e.g. peace jam, polio plus

Work with the service project committees to develop and fund projects.

Help the treasurer to manage any Rotary Grant funds the club receives

Remember grants are available for domestic, as well international projects and can be sourced via an updated and now much simpler district fund or at international level.

Stewart Mitchell

### **International**

1. The Committee members are Gren Lamb-Hughes (Chairman), Keith Cameron (who heads up the Rotary Dentaaid team), Nigel Budd, Philip Kirkland, Martin Radford, Iain Small, Mike Thorne and Peter Welsh.

2. Keith, Iain and Mike are welcomed as new members this year whilst many thanks go to Sandy Dunn, Jaime Garner and Jim Purdie for their involvement last year.
3. Although there was limited change to the activities being supported in 2019/20 from previous years, discussions by the then International Committee during 2019/20 concluded that, in 2020/21 and beyond:
  - a. The Club should support fewer projects but that these projects should be ones in which the Club could become involved, or have a relationship, or work in partnership thereby having a greater understanding and commitment. It could also be beneficial if these International projects had a local theme or link.
  - b. The following projects should be considered for 2020/21: Disaster Relief, Dentaid, the School in Mulpani Nepal, the School in Kisumu Kenya and Microfinance (through LendwithCare).
  - c. Plan International, Mary's Meals and Vision Aid would not be supported financially.
  - d. Christmas Puddings would not be sold (subsequently overwhelmingly agreed by Club Members at a Business Meeting) but Christmas Shoeboxes would continue to be collected.
  - e. Over the last couple of years, the International share of the Trust Fund budget was around 13 to 15%, whereas previously there had been a rough order rule of thumb in the Club that approximately 75/80% of club funds should go to local community projects/activities and 20/25% to international ones, and therefore consideration should be given to achieving something closer to this in the future.
4. However, due to the impact of Covid-19, available Trust Fund finance will potentially be less than in previous years and therefore the Club Council decided that budgets should only include "Essential" items which are defined as:
 

*"Donations or expenditure which support activities or established relationships which the committee considers to be important to maintain. There should be no doubt that the sum allocated in the budget can be spent on the defined subject."*
5. Against this background, it has been concluded, for the projects the International Committee initially considered should be supported, that:

#### Disaster Relief

This does not meet the requirements of "Essential" in that the case that the Club has an "established relationship" cannot be made because funds go to several different organisations, nor does the project have a "local theme". Therefore no funds are included for disaster relief in the budget but this could be reconsidered if extra funds become available as a "bonus".

#### Dentaid

The Club has supported Dentaid for many years; clearly has an "established relationship" that should be maintained and also has a "local theme". It has been confirmed by Dentaid, who have briefed the Committee, that two projects, the provision of a Portable Dental Chair for Uganda (£550) and funds to support an outreach programme with the chair (£200), are still required. The sum of £750 for Dentaid has therefore been included in the International Committee budget.

#### School in Mulpani, Nepal

The Club first became aware of the school in Mulpani in 2018, and during 2019/20 a strong relationship was established both with the school and the Rotary Club of North East Kathmandu, with the latter managing the donation of £1100 that the Club made to construct a ceiling (between the classrooms and the roof) at the school. The local touch relates to our initial contact through a retired Romsey Headmaster who has been supporting the school himself for many years. One of the projects identified in 2019/20, which is still required, is the need to improve the very rudimentary audio/visual

facilities at the school. I have confirmed with the school, having seen a detailed breakdown, that funds (circa £1500) are required to do this and the sum of £750 has been included in the budget to contribute towards this.

#### School in Kisumu, Kenya

The Club has been supporting the school in Kisumu for several years, courtesy of Neil Duncan, through the provision of refurbished lap tops, with a link through the Asante coffee shop. This primary school has 250 pupils ranging from the nursery age up to and including year 8 which is the final year before high school. The geographical area of the school covers the Tom Mboya district and the adjoining slums of Nywita. Although Asante has now closed, the relationship with the school has been established and the local link was created initially. A new syllabus is being introduced in the schools by the Ministry of Education Kenyan Government in 2020 for which new text books are required. This will be a particular challenge given the inability of the parents of many of the children to pay. Funding of the school comes from donors, fund raising events and some parents. The text books will cover the full range of subjects including maths, science, languages etc and will probably be expected to last several years until the next curriculum change. The overall cost will be of the order of £1000 and the sum of £500 has been included in the budget to contribute towards this.

LendwithCare This does not meet the requirements of 'Essential' in that it is something that the Club has not done previously and therefore cannot be said to be established. Neither does it have a local element. Therefore no funds are included for LendwithCare in the budget.

6. So, in summary, the International Committee wishes to support, in 2020/21, three projects financially, namely DentaId; the school in Mulpani and the school in Kisumu with a total budget of £2000. The District Christmas Shoebox scheme will also be supported but the Committee has not sought, given the current financial situation, to seek to increase the International share of the potentially available Trust Fund budget for 2020/21.

Gren Lamb-Hughes

#### **Youth Opportunities**

Verbal report/ to follow.

Steve George

#### **Sports and Social**

Committee members for the coming year are the same as for 19/20 : Clive Collier (Chairman), Tony Abbott, Fred Stanley, Norman Oldmeadow, Mike Hicks, David Pantling, Ian Bullivant, Nick Lockyer and John Whitham.

I am grateful for the support of the committee and their ideas during the current difficult year.

Who knows what the future will hold and when we will be able to again meet up with wives and husbands but we need to look forward with optimism for the all clear to sound. I propose that as soon as allowed we investigate getting together in a hall or outside area using our excellent caterers for an evening 'out' for those who would like to attend. Once we receive positive guidance from Govt we can put plans in motion.

Dates for diaries are :

1<sup>st</sup> July. Virtual President's handover By Zoom. Bring your own food and wine !!!!!

30<sup>th</sup> September. Partners evening. Venue and caterer yet to be confirmed. Entertainment TBA

?? December Date, venue and entertainment TBA . Club Christmas dinner

31<sup>st</sup> March. Partners evening. Possibly at Hilliers. Details TBA

30<sup>th</sup> June. Presidents handover. Venue TBA

John Whitham will endeavour to resurrect the postponed trip around the Leckford Estate and the committee will continue to investigate events locally which may be of interest.

The following club members will, I hope, continue to organise external and internal sports events.

Boules - Steve George

Golf - Norman Oldmeadow

Snooker - Nick Lockyer

Skittles - Mike Hicks

I urge all members of the club to let us know of any novel thoughts that they may have for partners evenings and to look out for any other events taking place locally which may be of interest.

Clive Collier



RCoRT Budgets 2020-21	2019/2020	Illustrative budgetary suggestion	Proposal 20/21 & 21/22	NOTES
<b>YOUTH</b>				
D4L	1,300	1,300	1,300	
Young Technologist	900	600	600	If no support from Magna, apply for further £300 from uncommitted funds
Youth in Romsey	400			£400 requested - Apply when definite project outlined
Youth Speaks	200	200	200	
Young Writer (New)	500			
Young Photographer (New)	500			
RYLA (New)	500			
Contingency (Organ Scholar)	500			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,100</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>				
Kids Out	300	300	0	No links with schools involved
YC Panto (Dist Grant £150)	150	150	200	Forecast total £400 support @ 50%
Young Carers festival w/e	0		0	
Young Carers	1,500		0	Appear to be well funded
BP Day	200	0	0	Changes to the event made inappropriate for us to be involved in.
Romsey Family Support Group	0			
Community Projects	4,750	2,500	2,500	
Donation R.J.B.	167			
Holiday Club			300	Like to get the 'Wheels Turning' again on this vital resource
Romey Abbey (ARK)			500	Nurture room - increased need
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,067</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>3,500</b>	
<b>ROR</b>				
Hall Booking	200		139	
St John	170		116	
Andrew Pudney-Audio/Visual	0			
Charles Burnett	0			
Entertainment	395		230	
Brian Budden - Organist	0			
Postage	100		85	
Table covers/flowers	0		260	
Inner Wheel Food	0			
Sundry	100		60	
Food & Drinks	380			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>890</b>	
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>2019/20</b>			
Peace Jam	920	920	1,000	This includes £500 District Grant which we have to meet.
Hilliers polio EPN + 3 donations	250		125	
Donations	200			
Miscellaneous	350			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>1,125</b>	
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>				
Dentaid	750		750	DentaidBox with Outreach in Uganda
Vision Aid	250		0	
Plan Int. Bis Sau	192			
Disaster Relief	1,050		0	
School in Kenya			500	Part payment: new curriculum text books at school to which Club donated lap tops.
School in Nepal			750	Part payment for audio/visual facilities
Mary's Meals	250		0	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	
<b>Club Working Contingency</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	Use Uncommitted Funds
<b>Presidents Giving</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>18,424</b>	<b>6,970</b>	<b>10,615</b>	





**COUNCIL PROPOSAL AND REPORTS JUNE 2020****Social Committee Budget 2020/2021 Proposal**

I don't favour the word "budget" as it smacks of an amount allocated to be spent which is not what I am proposing. I fear that Roget has also failed me to discover an appropriate term.

Some years ago when Paul G was Treasurer of the General Account a budget of £1000 was allocated under the title Social. The Social committee did not draw down any of that fund. It was there to be used for paying for guest and speaker meals any associated expenses. The invariable surplus at the end of the year remained in the General Fund.

Things have changed. We are, sadly, unlikely to see the Abbey Hotel function Room reopen as a planning application for conversion to residential has been submitted by the new owner. Even if this application fails I fear that in the fullness of time one will be approved. Prior to the current temporary halt to events the Council Chamber was booked every Wednesday for a successful dance group and I have no doubt that this will continue. I know of no other licenced room in Romsey which would be appropriate for a partners evening.

Options open to the club for partners evenings, therefore, are to use a golf club (Ampfield, Romsey etc) or similar venue or book a village hall using an outside caterer and members bring their own drinks. Glasses and all crockery provided by the caterer.

Golf clubs are unlikely to be available during the summer because of their own events. The village hall trial at Timsbury last October was voted by those who attended to be a great success with excellent food. Using a village hall, however, does incur a hire charge.

It is becoming more difficult to find entertaining speakers for partners evenings. A couple have been recommended to me but there may be a cost involved.

I would like to propose, therefore, that an allocation of £1000 be made from the General Fund to Social to be used for visiting speakers and guests meals, visiting speakers charges (if any) and hire of external venues (if any). If Council is broadly in agreement then if considered appropriate I could clear expenditure with Bryan before agreeing to it.

There are those who might object on the grounds that all members are subsidising those who attend. Everyone has the opportunity to attend should they wish and has this not been the practice for many years with the cost of the rooms in the Town Hall?

**Communications Team Monthly Council Report**

This month team members have been supporting the Walk team with a major push to ensure that our platforms are fully focused on the Alternative walk. As part of this the front page of our website is having changes and our Facebook page is being streamlined to focus on:-



The Lunch time Club have a new Communications representative who is keen to work with us to ensure that all Rotary in Romsey events are publicised as much as possible. We have a Zoom meeting set up to introduce ourselves so might have some feedback in time for our Club meeting.

You will have seen that John Gould has published his 25<sup>th</sup> Newsletter for the Club! It provides an excellent overview of what we have achieved during the year as well as a good clear lead on our Alternative Walk.

John is retiring from the role so this is a plea for someone to continue the challenge. John has set the bar very high but anyone taking on the role has a free hand to stamp their own mark in the history and communications for our Club. Please give me a call.

In addition, if you would like to join the communications team please make contact. I will be standing down next June so this year would be a good time to start getting involved.

*Keith Cameron, Chair Comms Team 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020*

*Keith*

### **Fundraising Monthly Council Report**

A brief report from me. The alternative walk fundraiser was launched on the 1st of May and is currently scheduled to close at the end of July. Registration numbers have been relatively low but the average amount raised per walker has been relatively high. Walk Treasurer Brian will provide actual figures in his update which will include what we can see from Just Giving to date; this will mature.

The street collection for Parkinson's UK which was cancelled at the end of May will be rearranged during the next Rotary Year when conditions allow.

Stay safe and well,

Sandy

### **Foundation Monthly Council Report**

We have been awarded and RIBI National award for our work with Hillier's. Still awaiting arrangements for how to collect it, now District conference cancelled.

As peace jam was cancelled I've arranged with Treasurer to carry forward grant monies to next year's Peace jam 2021 in my budget. Which means the club funds allocated to peace jam should also be carried forward. This project is through to November 2021.

We have received back from Peace Jam Registration Office £300 registration fees for Romsey school.

Ref Mountbatten, Mr Cox sent the details I supplied to him about Peace Jam to the Head of RE around time of Half term. I've not heard anything back. Not likely now until schools fully reopen.

The matter of problems contacting schools is still on my agenda, will be followed up when we are able.

Polio activities are also on hold at this time of year, except I've been in touch with British Polio Fellowship and a member of Winchester club who is a polio survivor he is willing to participate in our End Polio event next year, or come to speak to club .

Stewart