

## Rotary Club of Romsey Test

### Notes of Meeting held at Town Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

President **Bill Gidley** gave a toast to the many guests present who are assisting with Walk The Test Way.

Grace was said by **Steve Beasley**.

**Sandy Dunn** gave 'The Marshal's Briefing'. He firstly thanked all who had come along to hear the briefing. He emphasised the important role of those performing tasks in the Crosfield Hall. He then talked about several key areas:

#### The Identification and Tracking of Walkers

- All walkers will have a unique identification number which will be shown on a white token attached to them. This is to identify walkers especially in the case of any incident. The token must be removed by a Marshal from any walker who gives up, and the token returned to the park.
- All walkers will also have a yellow token with their number on it and this will be taken from them when they board the bus to their starting point. This is to identify who is on the bus and the walk.
- At the end of the walk the white token is taken from walkers and checked with the yellow token to ascertain their status.

#### Marshal's Responsibilities

- Before the day make sure that somebody on your section has walked it to identify any problems.
- Before leaving home on the day of the walk make sure that you know where you are going.
- Take with you a mobile (fully charged and switched on!), a High Visibility tabard, a whistle, a rubbish bag, any personal refreshment, any chair and additional clothing you may require, and your instructions.
- When you arrive make sure you are on time. Check all the team for the section are present. Walk the section with the first walker to ensure the adequacy of signing.
- During the shift talk to passing walkers and cheer them up. Ask them about any problems. Answer any questions that they may have.
- In the event of any serious medical issues follow the instructions. If there are any other issues call the non-emergency number.
- If any walker leaves the walk for any reason remove their white token and phone Steve Beasley and later return the token to the park.
- Dogs are allowed on the walk under control. They should be on a lead at all times. If a dog is observed not on a lead the Marshall should ask the owner to use one. It should be stressed that this is essential whenever they pass farm animals. Leads must be short to avoid hazards for other walkers.

#### At the End of the Shift

- Receive the fish from the previous Marshal to indicate that the previous section is clear.
- Walk immediately with the last walker to the next Marshall and hand on the fish.
- After handing over the fish phone the Walk Recorder to confirm that you have handed it on.

- Make arrangements to be picked up or walk back.
- Report any issues to Walk Control. Communication is key to safety and control.
- Collect up any signs in your section and return them either to the Memorial Park or to Greg Hall's house at Redwood Lodge, School Road, Romsey.
- Collect any litter and remove it for disposal.

Sandy wished everyone an enjoyable day!

Sandy particularly wished to thank two members of the Club for their contributions to the Walk The Test Way.

Firstly **Dave Healy** had provided a very high standard of IT input to both the Walk and other aspects of Rotary for quite some years. To honour this he was to be awarded a second Sapphire pin to his Paul Harris Fellowship. **Bill Gidley** made the award to Dave who thanked the Club.

Secondly **Steve Beasley** had taken on a specialised IT role for walker's application which he had picked up and made substantial improvements to. Sandy felt a great debt of gratitude to Steve and announced that he was to be awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. Again **Bill Gidley** made the award to Steve who thanked the Club.

Bill also expressed appreciation to Sandy's small hard working team and asked the Club to show their appreciation in the normal way.

**Gren Lamb-Hughes** spoke on behalf of the International Committee of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Rotary District 6990 in the Bahamas was undertaking fundraising for relief measures. Shelterbox was also fundraising for such measures. The International Committee proposed:

- A donation of £500 to District 6990 from the Committee's allocated funds.
- A donation of £500 to Shelterbox from uncommitted funds.

The Club's Trustees had agreed such donations and the Club indicated their support of this proposal.

Secretary, **Jon Livingstone** had nothing to report.

Almoner, **Ian Bullivant** had nothing to report.

President, **Bill Gidley** had received details of the memorial service and wake for Tony Forward on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. These will be sent by email to all members.

Bill announced that the meeting next week will be a Social Evening at the Phoenix. **Bryan Rickett** will circulate all members.

Clubs Visited – **Peter Stuckey** said he went to Eastleigh (but really it was Chandlers Ford!)

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- **Tony Abbott** thanked those Members who had assisted with stewarding at the Romsey Show.
- **Frank Smiley** thanked the Club for the cards and flowers for Martha. She is shortly to commence radiotherapy.

The meeting finished at 21.55.