

Romsey Test Rotary Meeting 19th February 2020

Chairman called the meeting to order at precisely 1930. He welcomed the guests: John Brinton, Steve Simmonds and Ian Cuttley.

He also welcomed the evening's speakers:

Richard and Helen Hurrell, dentists practising in Winchester and Romsey respectively, who are both volunteers for DENTAID.

The food was excellent, again, with the lamb shank receiving particular praise from the guest speakers. However, there was some shock news announced during the meal, when a "Spotted Dick Crisis" was declared! The Spotted Dick advertised on the menu was apparently "off" and had been replaced by Sponge Pudding. The announcement caused consternation amongst some of the more conservative Rotarians. In the event, the sponge pudding turned out to be excellent and relative calm was restored!

Richard and Helen gave an excellent presentation on their recent volunteer work for DENTAID and related their experience in Cambodia and, more recently, in Uganda in Oct 19. They had travelled widely in Uganda, initially to Entebbe, and then on to Fort Portal, a town situated in a remote, mountainous location. During their time in Uganda they treated approximately 1200 patients, including 800 children. All treatment was carried out with very basic facilities, without access to power and running water. Richard and Helen were very grateful for the help from ROTARY and several of the slides showed dentist chairs donated by Romsey Test Rotarians. Their presentation concluded at 21:25. This was followed by a number of very interesting and pertinent questions from Rotarians, and a very eloquent round up and vote of thanks from Gren Lamb-Hughes.

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Keith Cameron stated that Rotarians wearing badges, could obtain a 2 for 1 offer of entry to Hillier's Arboretum during the current polio appeal.

Steve George passed on the good news that Romsey School pupils had won their Salisbury 'Youth Speaks' competition. They are now scheduled to take part in the competition final at Richard Taunton College on 29 Feb.

Volunteers still required to assist with the setting up of the Tech Tournament on 4th March. Additional help is also required throughout the day.

RoR. Nick Bellamy stated that there were still two volunteers required on the day.

The President asked for further feedback on the breakfast venue options (Cromwell Arms v Youth in Romsey)

The meeting then wound up and moved onto the raffle, where 4 bottles of wine were generously on offer, and subsequently won by lucky punters.

The meeting concluded at 2140.

