

Minutes of Meeting 11th August 2021

Rotary Club of Romsey Test visits the longest building in the world -110 years too late!

A warning to all members. -please check when you are on duty for a club evening!

We had a very enjoyable and interesting evening visiting the Royal Victoria Chapel at Netley, very well organised by David Sutton. The next day Peter Welsh asked me for the minutes of the evening- something I had not noted I was responsible for!

Fortunately, Graham Hollier and Kerry Daley were on the ball and I am pleased to report that there is a summary and photos on our Rotary in Romsey Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/rotaryinromsey/?ref=hf&hc_ref=ARR0AP51vkENmUwMt6FD_UE1nFVOBE46GxSfGhFIBDcwsaj65g9MOGaPoOhl-yuldHA

In addition to Kerry, we had another potential member join us, James Mahaffey, Marketing Manager for Grove Place.

After viewing some of the items on display we were given an excellent overview of the history by Usula, Education Officer for the site, covering development and operation of the hospital over its years of operation. The psychiatric ward, situated in the corner of the site, is still in use as a police training centre!

We were then given a guided tour culminating with a climb up the tower, which had doubled up as a water header tank for the hospital. Graham Hollier then woke us all up by ringing one of the tower bells while we were all up there.

After regrouping, Roger thanked everyone involved and we then battled out way home through a closed M27.

Keith Cameron