



[View this email in your browser](#)

## **Welcome to the ROTARY IN ROMSEY Newsletter**

**Which showcases the work of both clubs  
Rotary Club of Romsey (RCoR) and Rotary Club of Romsey Test  
(RCoRT)**

### **Look what we've been up to!**

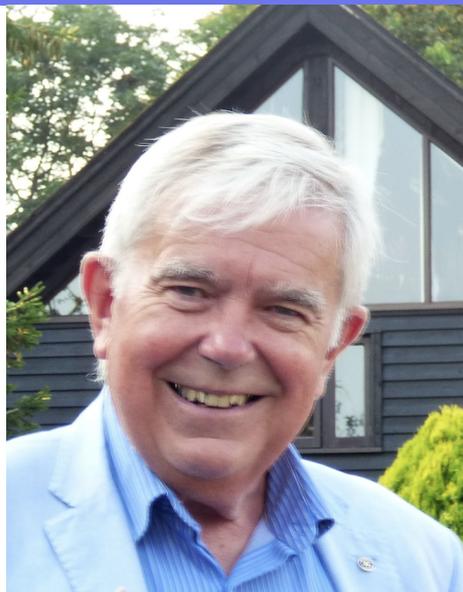
**Wow what a year so far!**

**Welcome to our Summer update.**

We hope this email finds you safe and well.

I don't know about you but Rotary have managed to keep themselves pretty busy recently, take a look below to see what we have been up to....

### **RCoRT PRESIDENT'S HANDOVER 21st July 2021**



## **Our President's Handover was held this year at Ampfield Golf Club....**

What an amazing evening this was. Wonderful food, drink and service and so lovely to get us all together once again.

Some 40 Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Romsey Test and their partners had a great evening.

Bryan Rickett handed over the baton to this year's president Roger Shepherd.

Bill Gidley was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship, recognising all his amazing work with Rotary. Well done Bill!



## **SO EXCITED FOR WALK THE TEST WAY !!**

Walk the Test Way  
**26th September 2021**

Get yourselves booked in. Registration is open and only costs £14 to enter!! Click here

[www.walkthetestway.org.uk](http://www.walkthetestway.org.uk)

### **MP TO TAKE PART IN LOCAL CHARITY WALK**

Our local member of parliament, Caroline Nokes MP, has recently signed up to Walk The Test Way, the annual charity walk organised for the last 17 years by the Rotary Club of Romsey Test. Caroline and her team are walking to raise funds for Jane Scarth House, our Romsey Cancer Support Centre.

Brian Davies, the Rotarian organising the walk this year said "It is fantastic to have support from Caroline, our local MP. We make it so easy for people to raise money for any charity they want to support. Some people walk as individuals, some in families or with friends, and some organise groups to walk for their charity. It is a lovely walk along the Test Valley - there are a range of distances to choose from, but it is pretty demanding for those who do the longest, 26 mile walk. They certainly earn their sponsorship!

This year we are keen to break through £1,000,000 raised for charities since we started Walk The Test Way. If anyone wants to raise money for a charity they support, we would love them to join us.

## MEETINGS

We have loved zooming but we particularly like being able to get back together face2face.

We have had some brilliant talks recently and are so excited about what is to come.

On the 28th July we met at the Royal British Legion in Romsey.

Members were welcomed by the new President of RCoRT, Roger Shepherd, who made special mention of two guests, Neil Gwynne, our speaker for the night, and Ron Bowater, a potential new member.

Welcome Ron!

Neil Gwynne went onto explain all about Wilder Romsey and all the exciting things they have planned for Romsey. Their aim is to draw together the many groups already working in different ways in Romsey to improve the environment things like planting flowers, encouraging wildlife, providing a place for volunteers to get involved and join in, and raising funds to enable projects to be developed. Check out their website here

[www.wilder-romsey.org](http://www.wilder-romsey.org)



## Welcome to the Wilder Romsey

Starting from September this year RCoRT will be re-introducing its Breakfast Meetings at Youth in Romsey on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Wednesday 11th August Rotary Club of Romsey Test visited the longest building in the world - 110 years too late!!**

We had a very enjoyable and interesting evening visiting the Royal Victoria Chapel at Netley, very well organised by David Sutton.

Check out our Facebook page click the link here :-

[https://www.facebook.com/rotaryinromsey/?ref=hf&hc\\_ref=ARR0AP51vkENmUwMt6FD\\_UE1nFVOBE46GxSfGhFIBDcwsaj65g9MOGaPoOhl-yuldHA](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryinromsey/?ref=hf&hc_ref=ARR0AP51vkENmUwMt6FD_UE1nFVOBE46GxSfGhFIBDcwsaj65g9MOGaPoOhl-yuldHA)

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.

## LOCAL SUPPORT

For over 9 years, RCoRT has been involved with [www.dictionary4life.com](http://www.dictionary4life.com). This is a brilliant initiative helping develop autonomy and confidence in primary school children. This year RCoRT has purchased over 440 copies of the Usborne Illustrated Dictionary which will be presented to Year 4 pupils in 12 schools in the Romsey area later in the year.

Our team 🙌 have been busy organising and checking all the copies ready for delivery. Thank you to our club president Roger Shepherd along with Peter Stuckey, Steve George, Tony Trowsdale and Stuart Wineberg for all your hard work.



### **Tech Tournament**

RCoRT is delighted to announce that its popular Technology Tournament will go ahead next year. If you are a school, please note the date - **16th March 2022**.

### Youth Speaks

Both Romsey schools have expressed an interest in participating in this event. More news will follow once the new school year begins in September.

### Abbey Organ Scholar

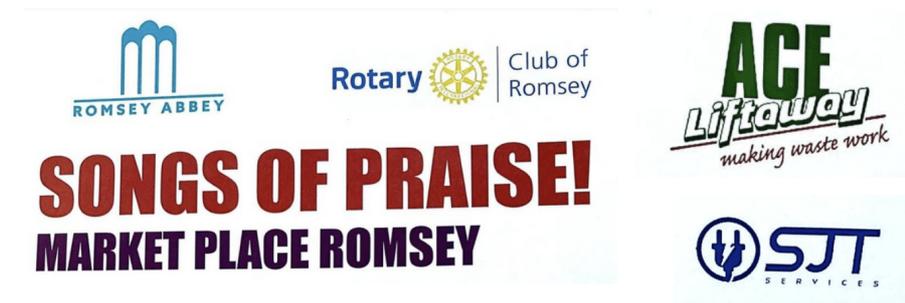
The Abbey are pleased that we have confirmed our sponsorship for this. Interviews for the scholar will be taking place in early September. We will keep you posted.

### Songs of Praise

What a fabulous event organised by RCoR. The first ever Songs of Praise for Romsey. Rotary Club of Romsey raised over £1,000.

The Rev'd Bryan Taphouse commented "*The feedback from the people who attended has been tremendous ! I have been asked to make this an annual event so watch this space*" !

Money was raised for local charities and thanks go to everyone for their generosity. Many people behind the scenes contributed to making Romsey Songs of Praise a success, Romsey Abbey parish administrator Helen, the staff at the Town Hall , Rotarian Stewards and Town Marshalls. Special thanks go to Sam at SJT Services for the great sound system and to Ace Liftaway for the flatbed lorry and barriers."



**INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT**

Donations have been made by RCoRT to the following:-

### **Dentaid £700**

To help them to purchase a new stock of dental hand instruments required for Dentaid's Healthy Kids Cambodia project. This project includes education on hand washing and tooth brushing, de-worming and vitamin supplements, preventative dental treatments as well as pain relief dental treatments for those in need. However, because Cambodian children suffer with extremely high levels of dental problems, the main focus is dental prevention and the provision of fissure sealants on children's teeth to protect them. This procedure requires large numbers of dental hand instruments in order to treat the hundreds of children they see in a day.

### **Life Centre School, Kisumu, Kenya £795**

This is through the charity Citizens 4 Change, to purchase 3 nursery school tables and 6 chairs for each table. This project was identified by the School Manager as his highest priority because the existing tables and chairs are so old that they break easily to the extent that they cannot now be repaired.

### **Mulpani, Nepal**

Work is now underway on the improvements to the audio/visual room in the school in Mulpani, Nepal after an extremely difficult time with Covid 19 which prevented any activity taking place.



**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT**

Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages to be kept up to date with our events.

Or Visit our Website.



## JOIN US - BECOME A MEMBER

We are always looking out for new members to join us. If you would like to become a member of Rotary in Romsey **please use the links above to contact us.**

*Where others see problems, we see solutions, tapping in to our professional skills, expertise and knowledge to make a difference in our local communities as well as internationally.*

We have lots of different members from all different walks of life from business owners, employed to retired. The diversity is what makes Rotary so special.

**Help us spread the word by forwarding this newsletter to anyone who you think might be interested. They can sign up for their own copy using the link button below.**

Rotary Club of Romsey  
Sign Up Here

Rotary Club of Romsey Test  
Sign up here

thank you for all your support

Rotary In Romsey

[Unsubscribe from these emails](#)

[View and Update your Profile](#)

[Report this email as Junk](#)



Sent for Free via MPZMail

Start sending beautiful campaigns in seconds.

Try MPZMail FREE