

As report

Community

As per report.

Foundation

As report. Please note 13-19 Feb for the Hilliers Polio event

International

As report

Youth

As per report.

Sports and Social

Clive was thanked for an excellent Xmas event

President's remarks

Agreed that he would discuss with David Sutton his request for funding to refurbish the Dr peter Centre

AOB

Clive requested an advance agenda for council meetings. Secretary agreed to issue a list of likely discussion topics

Clive also asked about the progress of the membership focus group – this was stated to be ongoing

Nigel Budd – Chair

Stuart Wineberg - Secretary

**Minutes of a Business Meeting of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test
4th January 2023**

The President welcomed all members to the meeting and wished everyone a very Happy New Year

Secretary

Stuart reported on a letter of thanks received from the Minstead Trust following our donation of £300 which had been doubled by a matching grant, to help towards the Minstead Trust object to help further the wellbeing and education of vulnerable people.

Stuart proposed and Bill Gidley seconded a motion that the proceeds from Carols in the Abbey be given to Romsey Young Carers and Alfies Wish - £1250 each and a donation of £200 be given to the Abbey for so generously opening their doors to us on such an atrocious evening. This was agreed unanimously.

Club Treasurer - Report attached

Ron thanked all members who had settled their dining accounts. He reported that the amount most people pay of £45 did not cover dining costs if they attend regularly. Together with an increase in RIBI levy this was a matter that needs to be addressed.

Ron also commented on how successful Carols in the Market Place had been after it was transferred to the Abbey at short notice.

Trust Fund - Report attached

In the report Graham commented that the account was in balance and there is a balance of unrestricted funds available if needed.

Club Service Report attached

Ed reported on his meetings with Mary and Simon over the quality of meals served. They emphasised that RBL valued the custom of the Rotary Club and would do all possible to improve the meals along the lines suggested. Changes would be made to ensure that meals were hot and vegetables would be served separately. Ed further commented that more meetings would be held on the question of other incidental costs.

Communications no report

The President reiterated the need for a Chairman of Communications and praised the work of the committee, especially Sean, for the work they continue to do.

Membership Report from Tony Trowsdale and from President Nigel attached.

Tony Trowsdale reported on his hopes and wishes for the New Year in terms of new members.

President Nigel distributed the paper from the Working Group outlining draft proposals for the future development of the Club voted on for a period of 12 months a year ago on 5th January 2022. Nigel strongly feels that 12 months has not been long enough to properly assess these matters. He therefore proposed that the trial period be extended for a further six months, until early July 2023. This motion was seconded by David Sutton and carried by a majority vote. There were some votes against.

Fund Raising Report of the Relay Marathon committee meeting in December attached.

In the absence of Charlie, Rosemary reported that the registration for teams had gone live on 1st January and work is progressing well on organising the Relay Marathon in May.

Community Service Reports attached.

Nikki thanked all those involved in Carols and reported that the mince pies left over afterwards had been donated to the Community Pantry.

Foundation – report attached.

Bryan reported that the Polio Event at Hilliers would be the last year of this particular scheme so it would be good to make it as successful as possible. He passed round the rota of helpers needed for the event between Monday 13th – Saturday 18th February and asked all Rotarians to help with this event and bring along friends and family to help.

International - No report

Youth - Report attached.

Steve reported that the Young Photographer competition has now closed with 9 entries. He would report on the winners in due course. The link for entries on the web site worked well and would be good to use in the future.

Youth Speaks will be held on 24th January in the Town Hall. Help was needed on the night and a chief Judge.

There would be a trial run of the project for the Technical Tournament with the help of personnel from the Club, Men's Shed and Roke Manor to iron out any difficulties.

Contact continues with Embley who could perhaps be asked to help with the Polio project at Hilliers.

Sports and Social no report.

Club Almoner

No further reports at present.

AOB

The President reported on the recommencement of exchanges between our District and a District in Massachusetts, USA. Stuart Wineberg further explained the historical back ground to these exchanges and how he and Jenny, and Nigel and Lottie, having hosted Rotarians from America in the past were looking forward to going there in 2024.

President's remarks

The President closed the meeting with the final Rotary toast.

Next meeting Breakfast meeting at YIR Wednesday 11th at 8am.

Consolidated Committee Reports

December 2022 report for the Club and Walk/Relay Marathon bank accounts.

Club Account

As of 29/12/2022 the actual balance in the Club Natwest account is **£3,708.88**

Overall, members are in debit on dinner accounts to the tune of **£2,895.50**

Therefore the club has an effective balance of **£6203.38**

Dinner account statements have been sent to all members so hopefully the overall member debit will become a credit by my next report.

All outstanding bills have been paid but I am expecting one of around £2000 for the RIBI second half-year levy to arrive in early January.

Here are some numbers from the last 6 months club account activity which I hope you may find interesting:

- 697 meals (including BBQ and the Xmas do) were served to members costing a total of **£12,849.00**
- We had 44 non-paying guests and 2 speakers costing **£729.00** to the club account
- **£16,470.65** was received from members (standing orders and payments)
- **£2,332.00** was refunded to members with a positive meal balance at the start of the year
- The District levy change for the full Rotary year was **£825.00** and the half-year RIBI charge was **£2,140.58**
- Therefore, of your £10 monthly 'subs', approximately **£1.15** goes to District and **£5.95** to RIBI, leaving **£2.90** for club funds i.e. around **£2,100** p.a. to fund the workings of the club (mainly guest/speaker meals)

WTTW/RM account

As of 29/12/2022 the balance of the combined WTTW/Relay Marathon account stands at **£19,380.26**

Of the 62 cheques written to charities for the 2022 Walk disbursement, 6 are still to be cashed to the value of **£1958.00**

When all cheques have been cashed or replaced by a BACS payment, the balance of the account will be **£17422.26**

The 'lunchtime club' transferred **£1500.00** to fund Relay Marathon initial costs

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to you all
Ron Bowater

RCoRT Trust Fund Financial Management Report as of 30th December 2022

Notes on the accounts:-

- Usual format, any questions/queries would be good if you could raise them with me before Wednesday's meeting to enable me to give a considered response and save time.

- The account as you will see is in balance and I would draw your attention to the following:-
 1. There is a new line in the accounts, "**Current Activity by Category - Xmas Events**" which shows a surplus of income over expenses for the Carol Service of £2,677
 2. This £2,677 is also shown under "**Restricted Funds Outstanding - Xmas Events for Disbursement**" Nikki will have a proposal for this.
 3. Taking the above and other known liabilities into account, for "**Restricted Funds Outstanding**", this leaves a total of **£2,796 as unrestricted and available.**
 4. Another addition to the report is to show "**Total of Committee Misc. Funds within Budget Variances**" This shows amounts shown in committee budgets with **no specific detailed purpose as yet and this amounts to £3,675**
 5. This means that £2,796 plus £3,675 totals the sum of £6,471 **in unrestricted funds in total available after meeting all known budgeted requirements and liabilities**

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year

Graham H

Rotary Club of Romsey Test Trust Fund - Financial Management Report 2022/23

Financial Year 01/07/22 - 30-06-23

BANK BALANCES	Credit	Debit	Total
Statement 30-12-22	20,944		
Corporate Instant Deposit	4		
Uncleared credits (30-12-22)	0		
Unpresented debits (30-12-22)		-822	
Adjusted Total funds available (A)	20,948	-822	20,126

CURRENT ACTIVITY BY CATEGORY	Credit	Debit	Total	Budget-2022/23	Budget Variance
Bank Interest	0	0			
Community Service	0	-2,035	-2,035	6,680	4,645
> R.O.R	0	0	0	1,190	1,190
> M.P. (Balance see Restricted Funds outstanding below)	4,204	-2,864	1,340	0	
Donations/Grants/Transfers	3,161	-5,063	-1,903	0	
Foundation	0	0	0	800	800
Foundation District Donation (Return if unspent)	860	0	860		
Foundation members giving	1,535	0	1,535		
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,402	-1,402	0		
International	77	-4,687	-4,610	4,610	-0
Miscellaneous/Sundries	0	-144	-144		
Presidents Giving	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Xmas Events (Note 1 below) ***	3,483	-808	2,677		
Youth	0	-1,809	-1,809	5,500	3,691
Youth-District Levy £3 x 61 per member (Unbudgetted cost)	0	-183	-183	0	-183
B/fwd as at 17-06-22 (Inc £4 inst Dep)	16,397	0	16,397		
From WTTW 2022 Rec 01-07-22	8,000		8,000		
Total Funds (A) (in real time)	39,119	-18,993	20,126	19,780	11,143

RESTRICTED FUNDS OUTSTANDING	Credit	Debit	Total
Funds available in T/F Ac			20,126
MP Donation to mayor £1kChq 401820 paid		0	
MP Reserves (£1,340 to unrestricted Funds)		0	
Xmas Events for disbursement (Note 1) ***		2,677	
Foundation Giving from 01/04/22 to 09/12/22		2,160	
Foundation District Giving (Return if unspent)		860	
Youth Ops.(District grant Youth Speaks b/fwd)		490	
Budgets unspent		11,143	
TOTAL OF RESTRICTED FUNDS			17,330
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AVAILABLE	>>>>>>>		2,796

To be confirmed
To be paid 31/03/23
Liaise with S.Mitchell
Liaise with S.George

TOTAL OF COMMITTEE MISC. FUNDS WITHIN BUDGET VARIANCES ABOVE			
	Budget	Spent	Balance
Youth (Contingency)	200	0	200
Community Service (Community Projects)	4,910	-2,035	2,875
RoR (Sundries)	50	0	50
Foundation (Donations/Misc)	550	0	550
International (Disaster Relief)	1,000	-1,000	0
TOTAL	6,710	-3,035	3,675

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts are prepared under the Receipts & Payments system of Accounting as approved by the Charity Commission for charities with a turnover of less than £250k p.a.
Registered Charity 102929525

Club Service Report for Council Meeting on 4th January 2023

Dining Issues at The Royal British Legion Romsey.

Following complaints about the service level and quality of food served at our meetings by the RBL, a questionnaire was circulated to the members of our club to determine the extent of the issues.

10 responses were received from our 60+ members.

Here are the results of the questionnaire:

- The main issue was the quality of the food.
- At the last meeting, the quality of the Sausage and Mash was the main objection, being the catalyst for promoting a number of complaints in addition, to those relating to previous meals.
- Comparisons were made with the price of meals obtainable from the bar downstairs.
- At times food had been served either lukewarm or cold.
- The value of the meal currently charged at £16.50 for two courses.
- It was generally felt that the standards are deteriorating.

I subsequently met with Mary, the Secretary of the RBL, and the Caterer Simon, who is a subcontractor to RBL.

Response from RBL Secretary

We have discussed your points with Simon and now can provide you with the following responses:

- *Serving from upstairs to ensure food temperature – this has been implemented. The only downside to this is the committee room will no longer be available for your early meetings. However, you are welcome to use a section of the bar and we do have privacy screens you can put up if required.*
- *Vegetables in separate dishes – this has also been implemented.*
- *Simon or I being on site – we will endeavour to ensure this is the case. When we are there, please try to raise any issues, where possible, immediately so that they can be solved there and then. There will of course be times when we may have other commitments, but the plan is definitely that most weeks we will be in attendance.*
- *Simon will be providing you with an up to date menu shortly.*

Please do let me know your thoughts. We very much value your business, and we will do our utmost to provide the highest possible service.

SVP observations.

- The food provided downstairs, in the bar, is available at pre-set times, is one course and it is a self-service facility, therefore not comparable.
- The Caterer does not receive all the income from the dining fee. The RBL deduct 30% approx. for the hall hire.
- By reverting to serving the food from the upstairs meeting room, it will release a member of the serving staff, who otherwise operated and emptied the “Dumb Waiter” and who can then return to serving the meals.

Ed Holmes
SVP

Here is Club Membership Report for January 2023.

No actual news but the following HOPES & WISHES:

That Nikki brings her 3 friends who are about to apply for club membership to this meeting
That club members welcome them cordially

Thus enthused; That other members will be encouraged to seek out and bring along interested folk from a generation down from theirs

That long standing members use their skills, knowledge and wisdom to help newer members understand Rotary ideals of service at local, national, and international levels

That world peace happens in my lifetime.

Membership Chair, Tony

Herewith the reports of the Working Party on the future of Rotary Club of Romsey Test which were originally voted on for the 12 month period 5th January 2022 to 5th January 2023

It was agreed at the meeting on 4th January 2023 that these proposals should be continued for a further six months and this was agreed by the membership at the Business meeting held on 4th January 2023.

The proposals are attached here for the information of all members.

Working Party report on future of Rotary Club of Romsey Test

The proposals were voted on at the Council and Business Meeting and it was agreed to implement the new policies for a 12 month trial; this trial period concludes on 5th January 2023.

I strongly feel that 12 months has not been long enough to properly assess these matters. I intend to propose at the Council and Business meeting next week, that the trial period be extended for a further six months, until early July 2023.

This information has been forwarded to you to hopefully allow time for this proposal to be properly assessed, and to give you the opportunity to email me with any strong views in advance of next Wednesday's meeting. Please cc or bcc Council Members in your emails.

Rotary – The Future Working Group

At the Business Meeting on 3 November members considered a report from the Working Group outlining draft proposals for the future development of the Club. (A copy of that report is appended to this report). All members had previously been sent a copy of the report and members not attending were able to submit their views by email. Many thanks to all who gave their views either by email or by comment at the meeting.

The Working Group has assessed the points raised by members and considers that:

- Members did appear to generally support the principles of the proposed changes.
- Members did have concerns about the details of the proposed changes particularly the proposed process for becoming a member.
- Existing members wished to continue to enjoy the activities of the Club with which they are familiar.

- Several comments were concerned with the format of our existing meetings. This is considered to be a subject which can be discussed independently of the consideration of these proposed changes.

The proposals have therefore been revised to take on board these points.

It is therefore proposed that the measures below be introduced initially for a trial period of 12 months commencing from the date of their approval:

1. The Club will aim to be attractive to a diverse range of the community and to have a number of different activity focusses to suit different sections of the community and the Club.
2. Existing Business, Speaker and Breakfast Meetings will continue as at present (or in any form subsequently agreed), as an important area of focus particularly for existing members. Existing Club Committees (except Community Service) will continue to operate in the way that they do now.
3. A substantially increased area of focus will be based around Community Service activities. This will be project based and particularly aimed at new and younger members. The group will aim to involve potential and new members immediately in these community activities. This group will meet monthly in a form of meeting to be determined by the group, possibly to suit people who are working and with a busy family life. Existing members will also be able to be involved with these activities as they can now.
4. Due to its scale another area of focus will be Walk The Test Way which will hopefully involve most members in assisting on the day besides a more restricted group organising it. Meetings will be arranged as required by the organising group.
5. Other areas of focus may be similarly developed in the future.
6. All Members will be welcome to take part (or not) in any of these different areas of focus. Members will choose which meetings to attend. They will also choose whether that activity is attending meetings or getting involved in organising projects or just helping at events.
7. As at present there will be no minimum attendance requirement.
8. Members will pay the cost of membership without meals plus the cost of whatever meetings that they choose to attend. Thus those choosing to attend Business, Speaker and Breakfast meetings will pay what they pay today. Those only attending Community Service group meetings will only pay the cost of membership (without meals) plus the cost of those meetings.
9. Following consultations with the District Governor and the DG Elect the present process to become a member (as defined in Club Standing Orders 5.1 and 5.2) will be replaced such that:
 - a. Possible new members attend as many meetings of any type as they may choose. They assist in whatever Club activities that they choose. During this period they pay for the costs of meeting attendance but do not have to pay the monthly membership fee. They do not have access to members' data. They book into meetings via the Secretary or Community Service Chair.
 - b. Possible new members are encouraged to become a member by members of Council or any Club members.
 - c. When the possible new member feels that they wish to become a member a process is commenced and effectively they become a potential new member. If they do not wish to become a member they may remain a friend of the Club.
 - d. The potential new member must prepare a curriculum vitae (one side of A4 maximum) which is circulated to all members by the Membership Chair.
 - e. The Membership Chair will explain to the potential new member the details of Rotary.
 - f. The potential new member must complete a standard Rotary application form.
 - g. The potential new member must attend at least one Business, Speaker or Breakfast meeting and one Community Service Group meeting so as to gain experience of the whole of the Club and so as to enable them to meet more members. The cost of attendance at such a meeting is met by the Club.

- h. After this attendance an email is sent to all existing full members asking if they had any comments about the person becoming a full member. Any such comments are considered by Council who would decide if that person becomes a member.
 - i. Upon appointment the new member becomes responsible for paying the monthly membership fee and the cost of attending meetings. They have access to member's data.
10. Communication will be important to the success of the Club in this format. Therefore:
 - a. Notes will continue to be taken of all meetings (except social meetings) which are circulated to all members. Notes of Community Service Meetings will be included within the monthly Community Service report to Council and Business meetings.
 - b. The Community Service Chair will continue to be responsible for communicating between Council and the Community Service group.

It is proposed that the above measures will be discussed and voted on by all members at the Business Meeting on 5 January 2022. The vote will be for or against items 1 to 10 listed above (or as modified) as a single vote. If you are unable to attend please send comments and/or your vote for or against the proposals, to the Secretary, before the meeting.

Fund Raising

Report from the Relay Marathon Committee of a meeting held on 13th December 2022

Minutes of a Relay Marathon meeting held at Birchlands on Tuesday 13th December at 6.30pm

Present: Charlie Daniel-Hobbs, Ron Bowater, Bill Gidley, Charles Forward, Rosemary Forward, Ed Holmes, Melanie Wathen, Steve Simmons-Jacobs

Apologies: Ieuan Wathen, Tristan Pattison.

The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that this meeting was just a short meeting to ensure that everything is in place for registration to open on 1st January 2023

Website and Registration

- Web site is in progress of being completed, some of the text still needs to be updated.
- Pay Pal has a slight glitch which Ron will resolve.
- Wix event platform is up to date
- Slight change this year on registration of multiple teams from one source – each team must be registered individually
- There will be two options for payment

Sponsors

- Charlie has contacted all but three of the original sponsors and all seem keen for next year.
- Flyers have been designed and ready to go out to find new sponsors and teams
- Sponsors to be sent a “save the date” email
- Tristan and Ieuan are getting on with list of top ten sponsors
- January is key to getting firm commitment on sponsorship
- Other areas of grants suggested

Teams.

- Save the date email has gone out to 240 past teams
- Entry will open on 1st January 2023
- Fee will be £100 until February
- An email will go out to larger companies, Schools and hospital to encourage them to enter teams again next year.

Site

- Charlie will contact the service providers initially and then Bill will be their primary contact
- Remainder of site issues can be left until the next meeting

Marshalls

- Charlie welcomed Steve onto the committee to help with marshals especially Rotarian marshals
- Charles explained the use of marshals with the Scouts being used for the car park and outer circuit and Rotarians for the pressure areas like the Start/Finish, the Palmerston Gate and early control coming onto the site.
- Charles would meet up with Steve to explain further the role of marshalling in the Relay Marathon.

Entertainment and food – Ieuan and Melanie

- Entertainers have been booked and deposit paid
- Scouts and Guides will do bbq and drinks, Mexicale have been booked and an ice cream van. Charlie will speak to Clive about a pizza van

Any Other Business

There followed a discussion about the uniting of Walk the Test Way and the Relay Marathon under one banner. The pros and cons of this arrangement were discussed in detail. There would be a meeting of interested parties from both events shortly to discuss the way forward. The Relay Marathon is very happy to support Walk the Test Way in any way it can

The next meeting will be Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 6.30pm at Birchlands.

Community service report

I hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Looking forward to seeing what we can achieve as a club in 2023.

I'm sure those of you who attended the Carol service on 19th December will agree that it was a huge success. Having made the decision to move the event to the Abbey last minute it took a great team effort getting everything set up and ready. Huge thank you to Bryan and all the Marshalls, Jackie and all the 'after party' team plus those who worked behind the scenes ensuring money machines were working and of course cash counted and kept safe. We will be making a donation of £200 to the Abbey to say thank you for letting us pitch up last minute. They were amazing, goodness only knows where they kept finding chairs for everyone!! It was so lovely to see the Abbey so packed.

We raised a total of £3483.27 (including gift aid). After our costs which as I've mentioned includes a donation to the Abbey we have £2700 to be divided equally between Romsey Young Carers and Alfie's Wish (representatives from both charities spoke on the evening and gave a brief background on what their charities provide)

I delivered all the left over boxes of mince pies, from the event, to the Community Pantry the following day. These were put into the Christmas cracker care boxes for local families to enjoy

I'm waiting to hear back from Rose from the Children's Cancer Charity. (They have been closed over the Christmas break) I will update as soon as I have any news

The next Community Service committee meeting will be at 10am on Friday 20th January at my home. Anyone wishing to attend please let me know?

Many thanks
Nikki

Foundation Report January

My report for January is simply a plea for members, partners and friends to volunteer for a shift at our **Purple for Polio** event held at **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens;**

between Monday 13th February and Saturday 18 February.

This will be our only 2023 Polio fundraising event. Please put these dates in your diary, volunteer and fill in the online **shift schedule**.

The format is similar to the event based at the Pavilion, in February 2022 i.e. simple tin collection, indoors if the weather is foul. There will be 2 shifts each day 11am to 12noon and then till 3pm. This is peak time for visitor arrivals/departures. There is space for 4 people per shift. If we have more people we can extend the collection time so let me know if your preferred date is taken?

I would like a minimum of two Rotarians each shift with partners/guests welcome to fill any other spaces.

Hilliers have said that our teams can have a pass to the gardens on the day of your shift.

Any problems or as an alternative to working on line e-mail me at bsrickett9@gmail.com or TEXT on 0771 206 9972.

I can take a note of your name and number and I will fill in details for you.

Detailed instructions and Polio background info will be sent out nearer the event but the key point is that for every pound raised Bill Gates will triple, (if we obtain gift aid) making it a £3.60 donation!

Looking forward to a successful fund raising and Polio/Rotary awareness campaign in February.

Herewith Youth Report for January 2023,

D4L - We applied for a rotary grant on this project, £860 has now been received.

Youth Speaks - We are now confident of 5 teams attending this event. Romsey x 2 and Mountbatten x3. Town Hall booked for Tuesday January 24th. Charles will be contacting rotarians for support as needed. Schools have been slow in responding to requests for formal team applications so this will be chased now they are back in term time. We are looking for a head judge so if anyone knows of someone who may help please let us know.

Embley Park relationship - Embley School have confirmed they would like to work with Rotary to the mutual benefit of both parties. This may involve providing us with support on community or fund raising projects and allowing access to some Embley resources such as premises or facilities for meetings or events, transport etc. Relevant rotarians/committees will be put in touch with Embley personnel as appropriate.

Young Photographer - The local competition has now closed (31/12). We received 8 entries. All entries are from Intermediate age children 11-13. A winner will be chosen and submitted to District level.

TT - Promotional leaflets reviewed now place more specific focus on STEM. Schools aware of date, March 8th 2023. Schools will be contacted for team numbers before end of term. SSJ is now organising project plan & materials. Nothing further to report at this stage.

Schools Contacts - Stewart has collated a schools contact spreadsheet to assist rotary identify various key individuals across our local schools. We should decide how we want to publish, retain this information for the benefit of the club.

Engagement with schools continues to be frustrating particularly in terms of getting responses and commitment which is a shame given the range of opportunities that are available.

PeaceJam - The November event was cancelled and organisers are looking at March 11th or 25th provided the support /demand is there. Mountbatten have expressed an Interest. Stewart will keep in touch with the organisers in the interim.

Youth Opps Committee