

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of Council Meeting 4 October 2023

Present: Ed Holmes Bill Gidley Bryan Rickett Clive Collier
Roger Shepherd Peter Hurst Ron Bowater Brian Davies
Ieuan Wathen Keith Cameron

Apologies: Nigel Budd Steve George Bryan Taphouse Nikki Jones
Charles Daniel-Hobbs

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meetings on 2 August and 6 September were agreed and signed by President Ed and Secretary Roger. There were no matters arising.

President

As per attached report.

President Ed Holmes welcomed Keith Cameron and Ieuan Wathen as new members of Council.

Secretary

There were two items of correspondence as referred to in the attached report.

As per the attached report.

Peter Hurst remarked that with regard to the appointment of the Trust Fund Treasurer, there was not a mention that the post holder would be appointed by the other Trustees. Roger Shepherd responded that the Council Report was a summary of the document that had been sent out to Members and that document would be used as the basis for consideration of the changes.

Club Treasurer

As per attached report.

Trust Fund Treasurer

As per attached report.

Club Service

Nothing to report.

Communications

Ed Holmes informed Council that he had asked Shaun O'Brien if he will take over the role of chairing this Committee. No reply had yet been received.

Fund Raising

WTTW

As per attached report.

Brian Davies noted that 374 women and 146 men had taken part in the walk this year. Ages ranged from less than 1 to 82 years old. Funds were being raised for 91 separate charities.

Brian informed Council that he has done so much work on the walk this year and is unwilling to do the same amount again next year. Additional helpers are required.

Ed Holmes thanked Brian for his efforts in organising a very successful event.

Relay Marathon

The Relay Marathon accounts had been circulated. It was noted that these allowed for an additional sum of £5000 was being retained for working capital.

Carols in the Square

This year's event will be on Monday 18 December and is being chaired by Bryan Taphouse.

Mayor's Picnic

Next year's event will be chaired by Nikki Jones.

Council approved a sum of £1000 from the profit from this year's event should be donated to the Mayor's Charity.

Community Service

As per attached report.

Ieuan Wathen noted that the sum of £180 for Baby Necessities would be from the budget already approved. Council approved the sum of £250 should be donated to the Braishfield Social Contact Group from free funds. Bryan Rickett will send Ieuan details of the approval process for grants for assistance in considering a possible donation to Hampshire CAMHS.

Ieuan noted that the Psalm 23 Garden was now complete and that a plaque will be incorporated recording the Club's assistance.

Membership

As per attached report.

It was agreed that Keith Cameron and Roger Shepherd would discuss New Membership Procedures.

Foundation

As per attached report.

International

As per attached report.

Council supported the donation of £1000 to the Rainbow School in Kathmandu for the purchase of printed notebooks.

Youth

As per attached report.

Sports and Social

As per attached report.

Club Development

Ed Holmes will coordinate this work. Bill Gidley will hand over to Keith Cameron the membership aspects of the work. More wide-ranging thinking is required and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

AOB

Clive Collier thanked Ron Bowater for his work investigating the insurance cover for Trustees. Ron confirmed that Trustees are well covered.

Ed Holmes – President

Roger Shepherd - Secretary

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Trustees Meeting 4 October 2023

At the meeting the Trustees agreed that if desired by the Club, the following donations would be made:

1. £1000 from the profit from this year's Mayor's Picnic should be donated to the Mayor's Charity.
2. £250 to the Braishfield Social Contact Group for Xmas meals for 20 lonely people.
3. £1000 to the Rainbow School in Kathmandu for the purchase of printed notebooks.

Ed Holmes – Chair of Trustees

Roger Shepherd - Secretary

Minutes of a Business Meeting of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test

4th October 2023

President **Report attached**

President Ed opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

Apologies Nigel Budd and Steve George

Secretary Report attached

Correspondence – a letter had been received from Youth In Romsey thanking us for our donation to fund a Youth Worker.

Another letter had been received from SVP Clive supporting a grant application for funds for a Visitors Centre at World of Water. This would be investigated further.

Club Treasurer - Report attached

Ron had nothing further to add to his report sent to all members and there were no questions.

Trust Fund - Report attached

Peter had nothing to add to the report on the current state of the finances of the Trust Fund which he had sent out to all members and there were no questions.

Appointment of Trust Fund Treasurer and Trustees

The Trust Fund Treasurer Peter was then asked to explain his proposals with regard to legitimacy of the role of Trust Fund Treasurer. He repeated the proposal which had been sent out to all members setting out the problem as he saw it. There was some discussion regarding the wording of the RIBI model constitution which requires one Treasurer and the fact that RCoRT had in the past agreed to having two Treasurers, one for Club finances and one for the Trust Fund owing to the high level of work involved in combining the two. The President then called for a vote on the proposal to change Standing Orders on the lines suggested in the proposal attached to these minutes and sent out to members. The vote was taken and the result was 14 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 10 abstentions. The proposal was therefore passed. There was some further discussion but the vote was agreed on.

Club Service

Nothing to report

Communications No report

A chair of Communications is still required.

Membership Report attached

Keith reported on a good meeting with Jackie Taphouse on taking over as Chair of Membership. In his report he has set out the roles of the members of his committee and his wish to enhance the experience of all new members.

He also reported on his membership review which is ongoing and thanked those who had already taken part for their interesting and overwhelmingly positive thoughts.

One of the potential new members is delaying because he and his wife are expecting a child imminently. It was suggested that since it was so long since a possible or actual member had a young family that this event should be marked with a small gift of welcome.

Fund Raising

Walk the Test Way report attached

Bryan reported on a very successful WTTW and thanked all Rotarians and others who had made it such a success. Some of the numbers involved were astonishing including the amount of money for charity which is still pouring in - £62,000 to Just Giving alone.

Relay Marathon – Ron has sent out to all members the accounts for the Relay Marathon held this year. The event will be held on 19th May next year.

Carols in the Market Place – Bryan will continue to organise this.

Mayor's Picnic report attached

Nikki will be taking this on again and has asked for £1,000 of the profits to be given to the Mayor's Charity Fund. This was proposed by Brian and Jacqueline seconded it and it was passed unanimously with one abstention.

Community Report attached.

Ieuan has taken over as Chair of the Community committee and his report is attached. He set out a request for funds for Braishfield Social Contact Group of £250 to help fund their Christmas Party. It was seconded by John Gould and agreed unanimously with 2 abstentions.

Ieuan also set out details of a publication he is looking into to help with the mental health of children in years 4 – 6. He would bring further details to the Club later.

Foundation – No report

International - Report attached

Bill reported on a grant which the Club would make from the International budget to fund notebooks for school children in Kathmandu in Nepal of £1,000. Bill noted that our contact in Nepal had come via personal contacts with people in Romsey during their travels which made it more certain that our donation would reach the children for whom it is intended.

Youth - Report attached.

Steve sent apologies for the meeting but his report is attached to these minutes.

Stuart Weinberg reported that the distribution of dictionaries for year 4 children locally has been organised and an email would go out asking for help with the distribution.

Sports and Social Report attached

Christmas Social has been organised.

Clubs visited

Stuart Weinberg reported on his visit to Ayers Rotary, Massachusetts where he was wonderfully wined and dined and entertained.

Stuart also reported that he was going to the District Conference in Cheltenham.

Martin Russell reported on a meeting with the Rotary Club of Edgbaston where they organised a Scatter Night when instead of joining together in a meeting with their own Rotary Club, members went out to visit other Clubs in the area. It was suggested this might be an idea for us to adopt.

AOB

President Ed reported that Bill would not be able to continue with overseeing the Club Development Plan but that he would be continuing with it himself with some help from members of the Club.

It was reported that an invoice for WTTW had been misdirected to the address of a past member. Should we therefore use a postal address for Club business eg the RBL. This would be investigated further.

Bill has purchased new batteries for the microphones which will be kept in the black computer box in the cupboard. Please do not put spent batteries back in this box.

President's closing remarks

The President closed the meeting with the Rotary toast.

Next meeting

Breakfast meeting Youth in Romsey - Wednesday 11th October

COMMITTEE REPORTS RECEIVED

President's Report

Well it's been an interesting month.

I had the privilege of presenting a cheque for £300 to the Youth Football Club of Michelmersh and Timsbury from our Rotary Club. This was to help the Football Club purchase football kits for those disadvantaged children who were unable to afford the kit to play in the team.

Also another cheque presentation was made to Youth in Romsey, this was our response to their request through The Community Committee to support a project that YIR are developing to provide extra tuition to again disadvantaged children. The cheque was for £1500.

Bryan and Jackie have resigned from their respective Chair positions due to personal commitments. Best wishes to Bryan and Jackie.

Bryan will continue to Chair the Christmas Carols fund raising event.

I was relieved that Keith Cameron offered to take on the role of Membership Chair. Keith has already started work on establishing a structured approach to collating the views of the members within the club. His research is also taking him to those who have left the club. Please give Keith your fullest support, your views can only help to establish the club's future and our legacy.

More good news, Ieuan Watham volunteered to take over from Nikki Jones the Chair of the Community Committee, I have worked with Ieuan on the Relay Marathon Committee in the past. I am sure we will see some interesting projects coming forth from Ieuan and his committee in the future. Again Ieuan will need all the support you can give him.

Nikki will continue to Chair the Mayors Picnic fund raising event. I am sure we will see more exciting activities next year. Thank you Nikki.

Bill Gidley has said that he can no longer give the time and commitment required for the Club Development project and has sadly stepped down. Bill is very supportive of Keith's objectives as Membership Chair and wishes him well. Bill will continue in his role as International Chair.

Walk the Test Way was an outstanding success, the club owes a gratitude of thanks to all those who have been involved in organising and helping in this event.

The walkers shared their positive views and the fun they had on the day, it was a pleasure to share their delight when placing meals on them together with the Mayor of Test Valley and The Mayor of Romsey.

How Rotary can bring enjoyment to people's lives.

Ed Holmes

Secretary's Report

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 2 August were not signed due to concern about the accuracy of a paragraph in the Trust Fund section. This has now been amended to state; 'There was discussion about whether Trust Fund expenditure should be on running costs such as salaries or fuel costs. There may be special circumstances so any such requests for expenditure will be considered on their merits.'

The minutes of the meeting on 6 September. Matters arising; President Ed Holmes had his picture in the Romsey Advertiser at the presentation of the Cheque for £300 to Michelmersh and Timsbury Football Club.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Youth in Romsey

A letter was received from Youth in Romsey thanking the Club for the donation of £1500 to employ a youth worker for one year to support the work at their youth groups. They note that this person will enable them to enhance the work they do by; offering more one to one support, run more team activities and have the time to engage more with their young people in small groups. They understand

that this is a one-off donation and will actively search for further funding to make sure that this post will continue into the future.

2. World of Water Grant Application

Senior Vice President Clive Collier wrote a letter supporting a grant application for funds towards the proposed visitor centre on the now defunct World of Water site to the North of the town. He stated that the Club wishes to throw its unqualified support behind this grant application for funding towards this proposal which will enhance the town for decades to come.

3. Special General Meeting

The Special General Meeting will be held at the next Business Meeting on 1st November. All Members have been notified of this. The purpose of the meeting (subject to agreement of item 1 above) is the appointment of President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, and Club Treasurer for 2024/25; together with approval of Club and Trust Fund accounts for the 2022/23 and appointment of delegates to the 2024 RIBI Conference. Nomination forms for the various posts have been circulated to all Members.

Roger Shepherd

Club Treasurers Report

It's been a quiet month on the Club Account front but numerous Walk activities have made up for it in spades.

This month's four numbers are:

Actual Club Account Bank balance	5,735.81
Members Dinner Accounts	319.23
Pending Venue Bills (RBL)	1,212.50

Club's money	4,204.08
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Ron Bowater

Trust Fund Treasures Report

Trust Fund – In-year Dashboard

Trust Fund Budget Spent by 30 September 2023 £5,574 - 21.5%

Trust Fund Budget should be Spent by 30 September 2023 £6,529 - 25.1%

% Free Funds as at 30 September 2023 £7,194
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RCoRT Trust Fund Allocated Funds 2023/24					
	Owner	2023/24 Allocation	Spend to 30th Sep 2023	Balance	Approved by Club
YOUTH					
Chair - Steve George					
Dictionaries for Life (D4L)	Stuart Wineberg	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	Y
Young Technologist	Steve Simmons-Jacobs	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	Y
Youth Speaks	Charles Lacey	300.00	0.00	300.00	Y
Young Writer	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Young Photographer	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Peace Jam (ex Foundation)	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Organ Scholar	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Young Chef	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Learn to Earn	Steve George	250.00	0.00	250.00	Y
Enterprise days	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Peace Jam	Stuart Mitchell	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
District Youth Levy	Ed Holmes	174.00	174.00	0.00	Y
Youth Total		7,924.00	174.00	7,750.00	
COMMUNITY					
Chair - Ieuan Wathan					
Michelmersh and Timsbury Youth Football Kit	Bryan Taphouse	300.00	300.00	0.00	Y
Youth in Romsey	Ed Holmes	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	Y
Romsey Young Carers	Ron Bowdler	2,000.00	250.00	1,750.00	Y
Psalm 23 Garden	Nikki Jones	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	Y
Minstead Tools	Nikki Jones	350.00	350.00	0.00	Y
Baby Necessities	Nikki Jones	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Contingency	Nikki Jones	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	Y
Community Total		10,650.00	4,400.00	6,250.00	
INTERNATIONAL					
Chair - Bill Gidley					
Denaid International Uganda	Bill Gidley	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
Kenya Life Aid centre	Bill Gidley	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	Y
Nepal Girls Sanitary Packs	Bill Gidley	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	Y
South African Safe House	Bill Gidley	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
Disaster Relief /Shelterboxes	Bill Gidley	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Y
International Total		5,900.00	1,000.00	4,900.00	
FOUNDATION					
Chair - Bryan Rickett					
End Polio Now	Bryan Rickett	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Foundation Total		500.00	0.00	500.00	
OTHER ALLOCATIONS					
Presidential Giving	Ed Holmes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
Other Allocations Total		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
ALLOCATED FUNDS TOTAL		25,974.00	5,574.00	20,400.00	

REPORT

1. Appointment of the Trust Fund Treasurer and Trustees

At the last Council Meeting on 6 September it was noted the Club's Standing Orders in respect of the appointment of the Trust Fund Treasurer and Trustees are inconsistent with the Trust Fund Deeds. A more extensive investigation also indicated potential inconsistencies with the RIBI Club Constitution and RIBI Club By-Laws. This could result in legal problems.

In order to overcome this inconsistency it is proposed a series of amended procedures are adopted for this year. If these are successful it is proposed that the Club's Standing Orders be subsequently amended to make these changes permanent.

The proposed changes are:

- a. The Trust Fund Treasurer will not be elected at the SGM in November.
- b. The holder of the role of Trust Fund Treasurer will not automatically be a member of Council and will be treasurer of the independent Trust Fund. The Trust Fund Treasurer will submit a report (similar to the current report) to, and attend Council Meetings as a non-voting member. All other aspects of the Trust Fund Treasurer's role will remain unchanged.
- c. The Trust Fund Trustees will comprise:
 - President
 - President Elect (Senior Vice President)
 - Secretary
 - Club Treasurer
 - Up to four additional members of the Club, one of whom will be appointed Trust Fund Treasurer.
- d. The additional Trustees will be selected by Club Members by means of an additional item at the AGM normally held in May.

It is considered that these changes will avoid the apparent inconsistencies.

Club Service Report

Nothing to report – Clive Collier

Fund Raising

Walk The Test Way

Walk The Test Way event took place on Sunday, Sept 24th.

My sincere thanks to all those that supported the event by giving their time and effort to ensure another success.

Over 520 walkers took part walking to support 113 charities. We have received many emails of thanks from walkers and charities. Money raised is still coming in and total will not be known for some months, although we have had some reports of over 5k raised.

A wash-up meeting is arranged for next week, if you have any comments/suggestions please email me before Monday, October 9th.

Brian Davies

MAYORS PICNIC UPDATE

After a very successful event in July the accounts have now been finalised.

After costs we made a profit of £3,409.35

A donation of £1000.0 will be made to the Mayor for his charities leaving £2,409.35 for the Trust Fund Account

I will be forming a new committee for the organisation of the event next year

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November.

Mayors picnic / Duck Race 7th July 2024

Committee so far (with valuable assistance from Dave & June Sillance)

Nikki Jones

Steve George

Vanessa George

Nicqui Chatterley

Lauren Denham

Hayleigh Jarvis

Please let me know if you'd like to be involved and help with either the planning or on the day or both!!!

Nikki

Community Service Report

Interesting Month

New Community Committee is:

Myself, Nikki Jones, Ron Bowater, Peter Hurst, Fi Cooke, Bryan Taphouse, Jackie Taphouse and Peter Stuckey. Anyone else would like to join the committee please feel free to email me.

Psalm 23 Garden is being officially opened on Friday. Nikki and Ron are attending for Rotary.

Two Proposals:

- Request from Baby Necessities, for grant towards funding their free family fun day in October. We will be using o £180 of the £500 in our Budget. Already approved for this.

- Braishfield Social Contact Group. Proposal £250 for Xmas meal that will see 20 lonely people get together who normally can't get out. We would like this from the free funds if possible. I have attached a report on this group (see below).

To be discussed for further investigation:

Hampshire CAMHS have requested a grant for funding for schools leaflet for year 4 to 6. I and the committee are looking into this, but wanted to share some details with you. The books would be distributed to schools and youth organisations directly. We also run a number of events, where we share our resources. I have attached an example of one of our mental health monsters' books to show you the quality and power. I have agreed with CAMHS the information going into All the Primary Schools in Romsey. Having just undertaken the interviews at Mountbatten there is a clear issue with mental health in young people since Covid.

Ieuan Wathen

Braishfield Social Contact Group report:

The idea of the Social Contact Group was conceived in 2003 under the auspices of All Saints Church to provide opportunities for folk who live on their own in Braishfield, Farley & Slackstead to meet socially. This has been extended over the years to include others who would benefit, very often they have a spouse who is house bound. Our group is non-denominational and always open and welcoming to new members. The main reason for the formation of our group was to try and mitigate the feeling of being forgotten and to give our Members outings, meetings etc and to socialise together. A feeling of belonging is vital to us all!

Whilst our emphasis is mainly on the social side of life, our members also know if they have any problems, need a prescription collecting, need assistance in form filling etc or just need someone to talk to, they know who to contact.

Living in a village with only one bus in and out meant that our village folk could only travel into Romsey and one member admitted she had not seen the sea for 17 years whilst another member confirmed she had not received a birthday card for 15 years. Needless to say, that issue was instantly resolved.

During Covid we obviously could not meet, however, to keep spirits high, we invented 'the doorstep fairy' when surprise gifts were left on our Members doorsteps. These gifts ranged from tins of biscuits, geraniums, Easter eggs, potted roses etc etc. We also did shopping for Members who needed assistance, often adding their list to our own on-line deliveries.

We've had a lot of fun & laughter over the years but the important element is one of love & friendship. Currently our Membership stands at 20 & whilst one member is in her 50's, the average ages range from mid 70's to mid 90's. Whilst some members have a family, albeit they live a distance away, we have some members who have no family at all.

We always consider carefully our trips and outings, taking into account some of our Members mobility problems but we are always looking out for new venues to visit. Morning coffee and afternoon teas are a favourite & always include cake! Trips to garden centres, talks in our Church Rooms with a fish & chip lunch, trips to the New Forest & Lepe Beach are firm favourites.

Obviously funding of our trips is a major dilemma and apart from a contribution towards the cost of our Christmas Lunch, our Members are not expected to pay. As some of them have limited finances I do not want them to feel unable to participate due to this fact which may increase their feeling of loneliness and sadness. We are very fortunate to receive an annual donation of £250 from All Saints

Church PCC and our Village '200 Club' is also very generous. We are very grateful to Romsey & Chandlers Ford Round Table who always remember us with a donation from their Santa Dash. I desperately want to continue with our outings on a regular basis but with the rise in costs next year's funding is going to be a real challenge.

Hazel Prince

Membership Report

I am very pleased to report that Jaqueline Martin and Gren Lamb-Hughes have volunteered to join the membership team. Collin Staples has agreed to continue and Ian Bullivant and Graham Lee have agreed to continue with the important Almoner role. I have also had a very useful handover meeting with Jackie and Bryan.

The new membership team is in the process of being formed and is already busy looking at understanding what existing and new members may want from the Club.

New membership procedures

Gren is looking at all the rules and recommendations for membership to ensure that we understand them and are clear on procedure. This is particularly important as we have a new potential member, Ian Fisher, who would like to join us. Ian has recently moved here from Bahrain, has been a member of Round Table and is familiar with club organisations and understands some of the processes.

Material useful for new and transferees when joining the Club

Jacqueline is using her experience to help ensure that we make it as easy as possible for new members to feel welcome and that they are integrated into our Club.

Review of Membership section of our Club website

Colin is looking at this and will be providing Paul with updates and any other recommendations.

Future membership

Nicqui Chatterly has decided to delay her joining our Club as a full member. It is hoped that we will be able to welcome her in the future, as she will bring many talents with her.

Mark Parrish came along to visit us last week on the recommendation of Dave Sillence. We will keep in touch with him as he and his wife are expecting their first child, so they are both going to be very busy over the coming months but are keen to help with fund raising activities. We wish them well.

Membership review

I would like to thank everyone for your excellent feedback. It is a privilege to receive it and it has made me even more optimistic knowing that there is so much enthusiasm for the aims of Rotary and what we do. I am setting up a meeting to prepare the material so that we will all be able to see the baseline. From this I hope the Club will be able to use it as a platform to build upon.

Keith Cameron

Foundation Report

Almost nothing to report. Peter is about to send out the account details for those wishing to donate to foundation.

Bryan Rickett

International Report

I am pleased to be able to report this month that we have been in touch with Madan at Rainbow School Volunteer Club in Kathmandu and have identified and agreed how we would like to support Rainbow School and the children in the surrounding rural community this Rotary year. I have copied Madan's email below where he requests to use our offered donation to purchase 4000 notebooks to support the educational needs of underprivileged children.

The proposed design of the notebook is attached, we propose to ask for a small change, assuming it is not too difficult, to include the words 'United Kingdom' in the Rotary logo.

Our other proposed support for Dentaïd, Life Centre School (Kisumu Kenya), and Lukhanyiso Safe House (S. Africa) are still being investigated.

Bill Gidley

Youth Report

Mountbatten School Interviews - Completed on September 19th. Letter of thanks received and feedback provided to the organisers.

Dictionaries for Life -D4L

Stuart will be scheduling dates with our 12 local schools involved and Rotarians will be invited to join the assemblies to assist in presentations. A most worthwhile experience for Rotarians and much appreciated by the year 4 pupils.

Hannah a teacher from Halterworth contacted us to see if we could support a family that could not afford to send their child on a school trip. They found some funding elsewhere in the end and no support was requested from Rotary.

I have been invited to represent Rotary at the Mountbatten School Autumn concert at the Abbey on October 18th.

Mountbatten Music Day in January - Rachel Armstrong - We are waiting to hear from the school regarding their plans.

Youth Competitions -:

We have been in touch with Salisbury Rotary and have a date of January 30th for a Youth Speaks Group 5 Round with a District round on March 16.

Youth Speaks Update - We have commitment from Romsey School, Mountbatten and Woodlands. Awaiting to hear from Embley who have been invited. We are looking to arrange a date in mid-January for our local event.

Young Chef Update - we are looking to follow up with Mountbatten to try and establish a Young Chef competition.

Steve George

Sports and Social Report

Your Committee met recently and agreed the arrangements for the Christmas Partners evening. 7 for 7.30 on 13 December. Venue the Royal British Legion where arrival drinks will be provided by the RBL as a thank you for our support and a special 3 course meal provided by the caterer. We held a partners evening in the RBL last year and the meal was very good. The entertainment will be 'in house' so be prepared to be approached to see what you might be able to offer the assembled throng in the way of song, dance, music or general entertainment.

Clive Collier