

Good day

Members brought supplies for Community Pantry. Nikki Jones arrived, said thank you and gathered up the surprisingly large number of donations before disappearing off into the night.

Roger then opened the meeting for the 22 who remained (there were 8 empty places)

Ed Holmes entertained us after the meal, telling us that he has been married to Robyn for 51 years and they have 2 children. He started work with Watney's Red Barrel, his parents having had off licences. He played with their trucks before moving to Curry's to play with theirs and he became their National Transport manager. He was a qualified HGV driver at that time. He swapped that licence for a Private Pilot's Licence, initially as a hobby, but subsequently ran a fleet of 10 modern small planes on a sharing /rental basis. A man of many parts, there was also a parcel business in Southampton. He has been a Rotarian since 1986, in various clubs

There was a question from the secretary and we had some urgent aob, including requests for shoe boxes for Christmas and Brian Davies told us that income from the walk was now over £40k gross, with 7 people having walked for RcoRT.

That would have been a good point to finish, but somebody said something afterwards, but my notebook was full enough

Next week, the Purple for Polio event at Hilliers

Peter

P.s Ed, can I have royalties on your autobiography