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ROTARY IN ROMSEY

Look what we've been up to!

Welcome to our Autumn 2021 update.

We have elected our officers to commence 1st July 2022!

President: Nigel Budd

Senior Vice: Edmond Holme

Junior Vice: Kerry Daley

Secretary; Stuart Wineberg

Club Treasurer: Ron Bowater

Trust Fund Treasurer: Graham Hollier

Congratulations to all those elected!

RCoRT have resumed breakfast meetings at Youth in Romsey. The first talk was from Henry Roberts, whom our club sponsored as an organ scholar. We are looking forward to more talks in the future. Thank you Youth in Romsey for providing our breakfast and great facilities.

In September RCoRT had a visit from Georgi Welch from the Alzheimers Research UK who gave a wide-ranging talk, stressing the hard facts, to latest research and stressed how important the research is. There is yet no cure unfortunately and the costs of dementia and its consequences are £26 billion!! This was a great talk and there was considerable interest and a lively Q&A. We have yet much more to learn, so spending money on research is vitally important.

If you wish to find out more contact the Alzheimer's Society 0300 222 1122 or visit their WebSite (<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk>)

RCoRT attended the Chamber Music festival 202, our club had provided some financial support for this event and what a lovely event it was. Well done to all the organisers it was a great evening.

On the 29th September RCoRT social committee organised a great Murder Mystery evening. The Murder of Gertrude Murgatroyd. The food by Taste Catering was excellent and the entertainment organised by Heather Witham got everyone guessing. A lot of fun for everybody.

On Saturday 9th October RCoR undertook a circular exploration of Fishlake Meadows and surrounding areas guided by SVP Richard Pratt. On a beautiful sunny afternoon the intrepid ramblers walked 4.5 miles ending at the White Horse Hotel for afternoon tea.



RCoR have resumed face to face meetings and are now meeting at Wellow Golf Club. Ian Clark gave a wonderful talk about Broadlands and Richard Pratt an interesting talk on the history of St Swithuns Church with some digressions into Admiral Nelson and Thomas the Tank Engine.

LOCAL NEWS

It was an honour for RCoRT to finally be able to present Stuart Marchant of Mountbatten school to recognise his contribution to Youth Music In Romsey. Everyone managed to keep it a total surprise and it was very clear from his reaction that he was delighted. Stuart commented...

"Thank you again for all of the support that you and Rotary have given to me personally, and to all of the young musicians across the town that we have been able to work with. I feel so privileged to live and work in such a great town, and the support from the various organisations such as Rotary make it all very special"

Baby Necessities based in Basepoint in Romsey are a baby bank providing new and pre-loved items to families in need. They work on a referral basis and provide items for both children and parents. We made a donation of £250. This will be spent initially on nappies and breast pumps. They are keen to promote mothers using their own milk as its

free!! These are expensive but essential items. We will continue to work closely with the charity and become involved in future projects. Check out their Facebook page. They put up a wish-list every Wednesday.

www.babynecessities.co.uk or visit their facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/babynecessities1/>



North Baddesley Primary School

It was so great to be able to support their amazing Firework Display this year. We purchased £150 worth of tickets which were then given to Romsey Community Panty and distributed to families and individuals in the local area. This was a great way to support two charities and more importantly local people benefiting from one donation.

Community Panty

A huge thank you to fellow Rotarians that kindly donated food items. It was a great haul of goods and very much appreciated. We also had a good response from facebook and we have been contacted by several people who A. Now know that the pantry exists and will contribute and B. Are interested in hearing about Rotary in Romsey and how they can get involved.

A great positive outcome.



TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT IS BACK 16th March 2022

We have again linked up with Chris Nixon of the Southampton Magna Club for this tournament. We had a great talk from Jitendra Gopal Head of iT at Mountbatten to talk to our club all about this great project for for KS3 and KS4 children. Watch this space for more news!

Dictionaries for life!

Every year the Rotary Club of Romsey Test gives an illustrated DK Dictionary to every child in year 4. Originally this was just for schools in SO51 but the popularity of this initiative means they have expanded to include 12 schools and 422 children as far away as Kings Somborne and Nomansland.

Rotary International is committed to improving literacy throughout the world and in this age of screens, tablets and smartphones it is a delight to see the enthusiasm that the children show when they receive their dictionary which is theirs to keep forever. Thank you to those who supported Stuart organise this project. All of our schools have signed up again for next year plus a few more!!



**COMING UP!
20th December 2021 7pm**

Its that time of year again and RCoR are gearing up for the Carols in the Market Square. Im sure you will agree this is a wonderful communitu event.

20th December 2021 7pm

Featuring The Michelmersh Silver Band and The Romsey Abbey Choir, this event has started Christmas week in Romsey for over 60 years.

The collection on the evening will be used by the Rotary Club charity for local and international good causes.

Hope to see you there!



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rainbow Volunteer Club is a not for profit charitable organisation working for the welfare of children and youth since 2015 in Kathmando in Nepal. In cooperation with the local government they have established a free school was established in 2018.

They wanted to improve/upgrade their Audio Visual classroom and we teamed up with the Rotary Club in Kathmando North East to help them out.

They literally built a whole new room with carpet, computer desks, speakers, television.

Look at how great this looks now!



RCoRT had a great evening on 27 October in aid of Purple for Polio at the newly opened Garden Restaurant at Jermyns House in the Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum and Gardens.

We were delighted to have Clare Goddard, Director of the Gardens, and Barry Clarke, Botany and Plant Record Officer as our guests. Clare welcomed us, explaining that her father had been a Rotarian. Barry gave an inspiring talk about the educational work carried out by the Gardens. We also had Rtn Herbert Chatters on a Zoom call explaining about Passionately Purple Gin which also raises money for Rotary's polio project.

The raffle raised £290 which, with a 2 for 1 matching grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, means that £870 will go towards financing the eradication of polio worldwide.

Our thanks to Luc in Romsey, who provided the reception 'bubbly', and also Exchange, Judy Webb, National Trust Mottisfont, Plaza Theatre and Waitrose for donating prizes for the raffle.



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.

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