

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST
COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.15 WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022

Present: Nigel Budd – President* Nikki Jones Bill Gidley
 Ron Bowater* Bryan Rickett Brian Davies*
 Tony Trowsdale Stuart Wineberg* Steve George
 Roger Shepherd

Apologies, , Charlie Daniel-Hobbs* Clive Collier Ed Holmes Graham Hollier*

- Trustees

Minutes of last meeting

Passed without comment

Secretary

D4L grant approved and in process of being paid

Trust Fund

As per report. Agreed to transfer MP surplus to Trust Fund. See under club fund for post event decision to take payment for Zettle machines from trust fund.

Club Treasurer

Current suggested minimum SO for members of £40 pcm may be insufficient. Members not attending regularly are running up large surpluses but regular attendees now owe several hundred pounds. Suggested minimum SO of £60 to be recommended to members at the business meeting.

Some discussion regarding the differential between the cost of meals in the BL restaurant and the cost to us from the same caterer (this was exacerbated by the poor-quality meal served later). Ed requested to discuss this with caterers.

Ron requested £140 for 2 Zettle contactless tap and go machines for use at events. This was approved – subsequently an advisory note from John Jones recommended that this be taken from trust fund as usage would be entirely for charitable events. This was carried out.

Club Service

Nothing to report

Communications

No report. We still have no volunteers for chair. Sean is continuing to keep our Facebook presence up to date.

Membership

Some discussion regarding whether the prospective new members have attended sufficient meetings. Generally accepted by Council that they have been sufficiently active to be able to comfortably make a formal application. Tony represented the views of his committee that ideally they should come to at least a couple of business meetings, Nikki pointed out the difficulties associated with this for busy working people. (The formal requirement under the current agreed club process requires them to attend at least one of either a speaker, business or breakfast meeting which they all have done). The prospective members are Ruth Hughes, Sharon Karsenberg and Niqui Chatterley.

WTTW

£48000 has been received and £32000 paid out. The projected funds to the club are in the order of £10000. Brian will be unavailable to lead this for a large chunk of the first part of next year and a leader is required. Brian is in discussion with possible candidates. Generally more people are needed to join this committee.

For unknown reasons there is a rumour that WTTW would not run in 2023. This to be completely refuted at the Business Meeting

Relay Marathon

As report

ROR

In the absence of any volunteer to lead this it was agreed to put to the club a deferral of one year for this project.

Community

As per report. In addition, a lead contact is being allocated to each of the charities we support, this will improve efficiency and communication.

Council agreed to recommend £500 to Young Carers Xmas party from allocated funds
Nikki requested support for kids cancer charity who are helping a family in Romsey. She confirmed that any donation would be specifically for this family. This is a charity providing respite for families with locations in UK and abroad to provide holidays. It was agreed that further research would be done especially to find out if the charity is seeking other sources of support in the Romsey area. £500 was discussed.
Council agreed to recommend to the club to approve £350 for the community pantry from unallocated funds

Foundation

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

International

As report

Youth

As per report. We are building an excellent relationship with Embley School who have offered their facilities (venues and transport) if available. They have also expressed a desire to support our major events

Sports and Social

Xmas event next week. As a note to the above, the idea of a tour of Embley as an event was raised.

President's remarks

None

AOB

None

Nigel Budd – Chair

Stuart Wineberg - Secretary

Rotary Club of Romsey Test
Trustees Meeting 7 December 2022

At the meeting it was unanimously agreed that if desired by the club the following expenditure would be approved.

£140 for Zettle tap and go card machines for charity fundraiser events

£350 to Community Pantry

£500 to Young Carers Xmas Party

Nigel Budd

Chair of trustees

Stuart Wineberg

Secretary

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

7th December 2022 2022

The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

Secretary

An invitation had been received to Salisbury Rotary Club's Theatre Night at the Salisbury Playhouse on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30 - anyone who wishes to go please contact the Secretary.

The matching grant for the dictionaries has been agreed at £860 and a cheque will be arriving soon.

Stuart passed round a thank you card for their dictionaries from the year 4 pupils of Lockerley School.

Club Treasurer - Report attached

Ron commented on the report which is attached to this document.

He noted that there is a deficit on the dinner account as the £45 per month members pay only covers about two meetings a month and does not take into account partner's events which cost more. Therefore although some members have a credit balance many have a debit balance and if this continues the Club will not have enough money in the account to cover dining costs. Council agreed that the monthly fee needs to be looked at and members will be consulted on this.

Ron also asked for approval of a decision made by Council to purchase 2 iZettle card readers at a cost of £160 for use at the Carols in the Market Place and other events. We have sumup machines but the zettle ones make it easier to take a fixed sum quickly – this was approved. The sum of £5 was suggested for donations at Carols.

Trust Fund - Report attached

In the absence of Graham, Ron reported that there is an amount of approximately £2,000 in unallocated funds in the Trust Fund account as the surplus from the Mayor's Picnic had been transferred there after disbursements to charity.

He asked that an amount of £350 from this be made available to the Community Pantry, as outlined in Nikki's second report, to support their Christmas Cracker project to needy families. This was agreed.

Club Service No report

Tony Trowsdale commented unfavourably on the meal this evening. His comment was noted.

Communications no report

The President stated the need for a new Chairman of the Communications committee and asked for help with this. Meanwhile Sean is keeping communications live on social media.

Membership no report

Jon Livingstone asked for more information about membership and what was the status of the three new members who had shown interest.

Tony stated that their membership was progressing but for a number of reasons they were unable to attend this meeting

Fund Raising

Report attached regarding the November meeting of the Relay Marathon committee

WTTW Brian stated categorically that Walk the Test Way is happening next year. It had raised over £40,000 for charity this year and had been greatly enjoyed by all who took part.

There are some organisational difficulties which are being sorted out as Brian will be out of action for a time next year but it will go ahead.

Carols in the Market Place – Bryan Taphouse and Nikki are organising this and Bryan has a list of helpers to marshal and take donations. Mince pies and sausage rolls will also be needed for the hospitality afterwards.

ROR - as no-one has come forward to run this event this year the President stated that it would not be run in 2023 but it was not final and the event which is much appreciated could be run in future years.

Community Service Reports attached.

Ron reported that Nikki was involved in much good work with Romsey Young Carers and specifically their Christmas Appeal. Ron would deliver the donations for this from this meeting. Romsey Young Carers are very grateful for the input of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test.

In her additional report Nikki asked for a donation of £500 from her allocated Community budget for a Romsey family to have a holiday in a property run by a Welsh Charity who arrange holidays for children suffering from cancer. This was agreed.

Nikki further asked for a sum of £350 for the Community Pantry from the unallocated funds in the Trust Fund as was noted and approved earlier in these minutes under Trust Fund.

Foundation – report and certificate attached.

Brian reported on the letter and certificate attached to these minutes that had been received from Foundation. He emphasised that it is our giving to Foundation that enables people in need around the world to be helped.

International - Report attached

Bill said how delighted he was to receive the attached report from Mandan in Nepal and how interesting and informative the photos are.

Youth - Report attached. Steve reported –

We have received 4 photos in the Young Photographer competition. I am hopeful of more before the closing date 31st December.

Youth Speaks is going ahead on 24th January. We have hopes of more teams and Charles Lacey is well ahead on organising this.

Steve thanked Stuart for his input with D4L

Steve reported further on his meetings with Embley and their willingness to engage with Rotary in several ways including using their facilities and giving help with our big events like WTTW and RM

Sports and Social no report.

Club Almoner

Graham Hillier is still with his daughter but is expected home soon.

Roger Bashford is in Abbotswood Care Home and all is well at present.

AOB

Jon Livingstone noted that a children's book he had written some years ago has been updated and is available on Amazon! The book is entitled "The Secrets of Regents Park" and is suitable for 4 – 10 year olds.

President's remarks

The President closed the meeting by commenting on the amiable nature of full and frank discussions among friends and colleagues.

Next meeting Christmas Dinner at the White Horse Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm

Consolidated Committee Reports

Club and WTTW Treasurer's report for November 2022

Status of the two accounts which I manage is/are as follows:

Club Account

The current actual balance of the Natwest club account is **£5,599.38**

Members dinner account are in deficit by **£83.50** meaning that club's money stands at **£5,682.88**

On Thursday (1st Dec) I will be finalizing the Club Christmas card donations list (thanks to all who participated), charging dinner accounts and transferring the total to the Trust Fund ready for disbursement to charities (including Gift Aid).

At the end of December I will go through the usual process of refunding members with a dinner account balance of greater than £50, and asking those with a deficit more than £50 to bring their balance to a reasonable amount ready for the second half-year.

Walk The Test Way

The 'Walk Account' balance is currently **£48,741.52**.

Last Thursday Dave, Lyn and myself wrote and posted cheques to 62 charities for a total amount of **£31,953.00**. I am now waiting for these to be cashed (most within a week but many take a month or so) after which the bank balance will be **£16,788**.

There is an additional **£449** of Gift Aid to be claimed so all in all Walk the Test Way 2022 made a 'profit' of around **£9700** towards the club's spending plans for 2023-24.

For your interest, payments to Charities more than £1000 were:

Heartburn Cancel UK - £4597
Community Life Centre North Baddeesly - £1568
NCT Breastfeeding support Basingstoke - £1830
Cancer Research UK - £1822
Honeypot Children's Charity -
Southampton Hospital Charity - £1162
Romsey Family Support Group - £1099
Oakhaven Hospice Charity - £1096

And last but not least:

Rotary club of Romsey Test - £1212

All in all another very successful Walk the Test Way event in it's 19th year.

RCoRT Trust Fund Account as at 30th November 2022

Please Note: I will not be present at next week's Business Meeting. I've given you the information in good time to raise any queries with me before the meeting for a response if needed.

FMR Attached showing the account in balance.

BigGive Match Funding Campaign

[Big Give \(thebiggive.org.uk\)](http://thebiggive.org.uk) Check it out at this link if of interest, "Explore Campaigns"

Type in: **Ataxia, Parkinson's UK, Minstead Trust.** Web pages give a link, detailing the amount of "Match Funds Provided" and cumulative "Total Funds Raised". We have donated £300 to each.

Significant comments on activity for the month show:-

1. £12,043 available in unspent budgets
2. £1,219 available in unrestricted funds, open to bid.
3. £900 BigGive mentioned above
4. £110 AlfiesWish donation
5. £1,611 Dictionaries for life
6. £1,000 Town Mayor from M.P.
7. £342 Community Pantry donation
8. £342 Baby Necessities donation

Graham H

Fund Raising

Minutes of a Relay Marathon meeting held at Birchlands on Tuesday 22nd November at 6.30pm

Present: Charlie Daniel-Hobbs, Ron Bowater, Bill Gidley, Ieuan Wathen, Charles Forward, Rosemary Forward, Tristan Pattison, Ed Holmes.

Apologies: Melanie Wathen.

The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that this meeting would concentrate on early preparation for the Relay Marathon to be held on 21st May 2023.

Timetable for next month.

Action

- Web site to be updated CADH
- Flyers for promotion of event – Derek Hobbs is designing these DH
- Update Chairman’s report and package for sponsors CADH
- Beginning of December Ieuan and Tristan to go out looking for new sponsors IW/TP
- Contact with existing sponsors CADH
- Create a top 10 sponsors list TP

Teams.

- Save the date email to be sent out to all previous entrants
- It was noted that this year’s entry for teams from larger companies, schools and hospital was down on previous years. There was some discussion about this
- Suggestion that WTTW have a data base of businesses teaming up with charities to support them entering a team or entering a team/s themselves to raise money for the charity which could be helpful.
- Suggestion that an email slightly different from save the date to teams be sent to businesses to encourage them to put in team/s
- Some discussion on engaging with charities to have a stall at the event to promote their charity.

Site

- Bill will deal with suppliers eg Ace Liftaway, Chevron etc.
- Ieuan and Melanie will deal with entertainment and food. Cf below
- There was some question of getting more able bodied helpers to erect gazebos etc. Charles has contact with Young Farmers and Tristan will ask the Rugby Club.
- Bill will ask Round Table for help with site assembly, Ron already has Men’s Shed and Walking football helping with this.
- Site map to be reworked using “what three words” to make it more accurate.
- Suggestion that more vehicles are needed to ferry people from car park to avoid any vehicles on site except official ones
- Suggestion a specific team be established in advance for putting up large elements of the site eg the car park and barriers round registration

Marshalls

Charles is happy to continue organising the marshals using the Scouts but it was suggested that Steve Simmons Jacobs be asked to join the committee to help with Rotarian marshals in the central area and pressure areas.

Charlie is to speak to the Club on 25th January about the Relay Marathon and suggested that Charles, Tristan and Melanie be invited as guests on that occasion.

Entertainment and food – Ieuan and Melanie

- Fairground had been booked for the day – he had suggested 4 rides but Ieuan said 3.
- Ice cream man booked
- Mexicale are very keen and would donate a share of their profits at the end of the day.
- Charlie will speak to Clive about his caterers re pizza van.
- Charlie will check with Scouts and Guides re bbq and teas etc.
- Moving Monkeys will cost £190 for 2 sessions and require a £50 deposit – this was agreed.
- Crazy Em are available and charge £170 for one hour, £240 for 2 hours and £290 for 3 hours. They also require a £50 deposit and this was agreed.
- Music would require a better sound system and a small stage – Adam the PA man could provide this but it would depend on how much sponsorship we have.

Any Other Business

Tristan outlined a project his daughter had organised to raise money for her school. It involved children running a marathon by running a mile per day for 26 days.

He wondered if we could tie this in with our children's race by making that the last mile of their marathon.

There was some discussion about this – it is a different type of marathon but it ties in with our ethos and both could benefit from it.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 13th December at 6.30pm at Birchlands.

Community Report

We've had quite a busy month

Successful firework night for North Baddesley firework evening. All the tickets we purchased for the event went to local families via the Community Pantry and were really appreciated.

Bryan and Jackie Taphouse, Sue Bakewell and Ron joined the community service team and we've had our first meeting. Bryan and Jackie have continued to lead and organise the fabulous Romsey Christmas events. We've already had the Christmas light switch on and Lantern parade. Both events were a huge success and thanks to

many Rotarians very well marshalled. We have the Christmas Carols on Monday 19th. Again many have offered to Marshall (meet at The Town Hall at 6.15 pm for a 7pm start) and there will be a thank you reception after in the Town Hall. Just a reminder could everyone please bring along sausage rolls and mince pies. Mulled wine will be provided as well!! It's confirmed that we will be collecting for Romsey Young Carers and Alfie's Wish charity.

Ron has taken on the lead role with Romsey Young Carers. He will liaise closely with Chris and keep CS updated and informed of their progress and needs. Please see attached update report along with their Christmas wish list. I'm sure many of you will be able to help with donations of selection boxes etc

We would like to support RYC Christmas party and propose making a donation of £500 towards the cost. (I know this has already been brought to the clubs attention, we're still 'work in progress!'). We would like to propose that this comes out of Community Service budget.

I met up with Steve George and we've discussed a possible joint project involving Embley Park. As he's explained in his report the school are very keen to help and work in partnership with our Rotary Club. We will keep you informed, and I look forward to forging ahead with the spring and summer project ideas for next year.

Tuesday 22nd November was our coffee morning and visit to Baby Necessities on the Abbey Park Industrial estate. Attended by myself, Ron, David and Kay Sutton, Jackie, Sharron, Ed, Roger and (as I was on childcare duties!) my granddaughter Niamh. Hayleigh explained how the charity began and it's rapid growth due to extremely high demand for its services. The charity has just been able to secure Lottery funding for another three years of payments for their rent and salaries. They work hard promoting themselves on social media and are very proactive with their fundraising. They have a good bank of volunteers and have a very impressive set up. It was very clear how important our link and partnership is to the charity. We finished by presenting them with two cheques. Ron presented them with their WTTW money raised and I presented the donation from the 'Romsey Voices' concert.

Delicious coffee, pastries and fruit were enjoyed which had been very kindly donated by the Botley Road Co-op.

I look forward to arranging more visits to local charities and schools enabling us as a club to develop a better understanding of their needs and continue to build strong relationships.

I've been in touch with kids cancer charity. Org. Whilst they're based in Cardiff they are working with a family in Romsey. The family have a respite booked with them next year when the season opens in March. They are looking for some help with the cost. I have a zoom meeting scheduled with Rose from the charity tomorrow morning.

Whilst I'm typing this I've just realised that, as I've been so busy working, I completely forgot to send out the minutes of last weeks meeting 🙄🙄. I apologise unreservedly and will do so today. 'Better late than never!'

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Nikki

Community service update

Good afternoon

Following on from my email this morning it's been quite a busy day!!! I have two last minute requests to add to my report.

My discussion with Rose from 'Kids cancer charity .org' was brought forward to today. A brief background of the charity. They are based in Cardiff and Swansea and own 4 mobile homes in Wales, have access to a villa in Florida and arrange trips to Disneyland Paris. They provide respite care for children, and their families, suffering with cancer. They get referrals from Doctors, Oncologists and other Specialist organisations dealing with often, but not always, terminally ill children. The accommodation / holiday' is fully supported with a specialist team depending on the child's needs. Due to the charities terms and conditions we are not able to have any other information other than the fact that a family from Romsey with a child that has cancer is booked in for a respite week at one of the homes in Wales in March 2023. The cost for the week (5 days) is £500. This includes up to 6 people including the child. They receive a welcome grocery pack and complimentary passes for all the local attractions (obviously depending on how poorly the child is). These respite weeks make a phenomenal difference to the families as well as the children who are suffering.

I would like to propose that we cover the whole cost with surplus funds from the clubs account please

COMMUNITY PANTRY

Nigel and I will be going to the offices on Friday to present them with their half of the ' Romsey Voices' concert donation.

I would like to be able to take along another donation of £350 from the community service budget towards their ' Christmas Cracker' project. We supported this last year and it provides food parcels for the 4 days between Xmas and New Year. Although this is being funded by HCC for those families worst off this year, there are many families who are just outside the relevant criteria. As many of you know these families are those that I try and support the most as they work hard and yet really struggle (especially at this time of year). This donation together with the cheque from the concert will enable them to help many more families this Christmas.

As usual the Pantry are desperate for donations of 'treats' boxes of biscuits and chocolates etc. They're open Mondays 9.30-12. Wednesdays 4-6pm and Fridays 9.30-12 pm for donations. They're situated 7 Dukes Mill Broadwater Road.

Thank you

Nikki

December Foundation report

Attached is our certificate and citation relating to our Foundation giving (as I announced at a meeting earlier in the month). This award is a great vindication of our efforts to support Foundation with our annual polo plus collection at Hilliers (next year's event 13th to 19th Feb). I cannot claim any of the credit for this as Stewart Mitchell chaired Foundation for six years and as soon as he stood down, we received the award!

Rather than rest on our laurels I would like to remind members that all of Rotary's charity work is funded through Foundation and as such our annual/monthly donations and fundraisers are vital to the current and future good works, that we are all very proud of.

Bryan

International report:

Sometimes it pays to be late. I was about to send a 'no report this month' when I received the email below from Madan our contact at Rainbow School, Kathmandu that we have supported for various projects over the past few years. You may already know that Madan and Rainbow School was introduced to us by David Johnson. David had told me that Madan is a bit of a human dynamo and was helping his community in many and varied ways. The first part of Madan's email refers to a project in a remote region of Nepal that Madan is involved in to help the old and young. He had mentioned this in passing in a previous email and I was interested to learn what he had been doing. The latter part of his email talks about computer equipment bought with a donation from us last year and the so called 'girls' bags' sanitary health project has been supported by our donation this Rotary year.

I found the photographs linked in the email below quite fascinating, a view of a very different part of the world to Romsey. (the links have been checked and did not flag up any issues with my anti virus software)

Bill

International Committee Chairman.

Dear Bill,

Thank you very much for your trust and understanding

In November we were in remote region of Sindhupalchok (near Nepal-Tibet border) to deliver warm winter supplies to elderly people of the region under our program ROSE "Rainbow Oldage Support Effort" In this region in every household one or two person have migrated abroad in search of better opportunities. So, designed ROSE program to deliver at least something we could to make their cold winter warmer. Under ROSE 120 elderly citizens of the region were supported with jackets, muffler, socks, and woolen hat. Please follow the link for pictures of ROSE program

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Bill, in addition to the elderly support program in this region we have also been supporting 250 children with our Rainbow SENSE "Support & Encourage Nepalese Students' Education". Under this program we have been supporting annual scholarship of Nrs 10,000. We have been fundraising from China to support 500 student's scholarship under Rainbow SENSE and we also conducted several home visit to know how children and parents used first batch of support. At the time of the home and school visit it was very good to know how children have got support from our educational effort. So during our home visit we made a short clips to inform our Chinese donors about Rainbow SENSEthe good news about the clip is that clip helped us about raise funds to educate additional 54 children. So this year we will support 554 children in total To watch the clip please follow the link

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Bill the good news about computers is it has already been set in our A/V classroom now. In 17th of October, 4 sets of computers were purchased from our fund that went missing for almost a year. But it was so difficult for us to show you that we have computers because the festival holiday begun so quickly. But, now Bill we have been organizing computer class for children once a week. Details of the report will be submitted in a week.

Please follow the link to see computers at Rainbow School :

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At Rainbow School we have 80 plus children everyday now. So strategically we are working with specially with girl child to do our Girls Bag program. We have purchased and made ready bags, sanitary pads and towels and shampoo. But before distribution we want to make sure we organize some training session with girls. So, are working on with training sessions and also we are coordinating with other schools to implement our idea "Training gilrs and handing over gilrs bag". Please follow the link for pictures of program organized to for Rainbow Girls Support Committee.

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Bill, lastly the delay was so so so ...bad for all of us. Sorry for that !

Regards,

Madan, Rainbow Volunteer Club

Youth Report for this month

D4L - Thankyou to Stuart and all helpers. 438 dictionaries delivered and presented to year 4 children over 12 schools. We have applied for a rotary grant on this project which once received will help toward the costs of 2023 Dictionaries.

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.

Embley Park relationship - Charles and I visited Embley and set out our thoughts as to how Rotary and Embley could work together to our mutual benefit. Elaine Morgan, the teacher taking the lead on community development, is taking this forward with the Head, Clive Canning. I am hopeful of a response before our business meeting on the 7th.

Young Photographer - Schools and youth organisations have been told about the competition. To date we have 3 entries. Deadline December 31st. Shaun will continue to promote via social media during December.

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.

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.

