

Meon Tidings No. 81 December 2017

A very Happy Christmas to all readers.



Shoe Boxes 2018

Once again this event went very smoothly we were finished by Thursday morning. There was one real cause for concern in that Bourkes Removals who transported the boxes to the District collection point last year changed hands & I got nowhere with the new owner despite emails & telephone calls. However President John stepped in the breach and with a bit of arm twisting & blackmail got Phillip Smale of "Shift It Removals", who he used when he moved house recently, to step into the breach. This year I had excellent support from members with 23 helping and 3 others volunteering but were not required. Also Audrey Ray & Lyn Massey helped out as well. Don Sinclair helped every morning including loading up and even washed the unit's floor on the Monday morning prior to me handing over the keys

We delivered 1358 boxes against 1696, down by 338. This was mainly due to schools being down by 106, our club down by 89 and others (St Anthony's & Gosport Club) 63. It was disappointing that only 15 members actually gave boxes.

I roped in my son & next door neighbour to help with the loading up on the Sunday morning and with 4 members and Andrew Prescott from the Scouts we loaded up in about 15 minutes!! I heard from District that they collected 26,787 which was down by 300 so it was all our fault!!!

Needless to say I have to thank Pam for all her efforts. She was at the unit every morning and was responsible for 408 boxes.

Thanks to John Tonkin for this contribution.

Previous meetings and events.

1st November.

The speaker Donal Collins spoke about the challenges facing G.P.s in 2017

Donal is a G.P. in the Highlands Road practice and Chairman of a local alliance of practices. For some time he has been introducing a new way of delivering medical services. This he hopes will reduce pressure on Queen Alexander District Hospital and help with a steadily ageing population causing bed blocking. His plan is to extend Clinical care by including other specialists such as physiotherapists into his team.

He described this firstly as Moving from Push to Pull-Service to be pulled in around the patient. Step two care is planned by an appropriate specialist. Step three is sharing basic skills such as Physio. and Mental etc. Goal setting for outcomes will focus on social responsible conditions.

Linked I.T. systems will be utilised with one plan relevant to each patient.

Appointments are booked with the appropriate professional in the practice speeding up waiting times considerably. 60% to 70% are happy with this and many problems can also be solved over the phone. Donal also said it is good to be able to solve as many health problems without a hospital admission to avoid one in ten getting further harm! It is hoped that this new system of local care will be gradually extended further around the country.

Dr Peter Beasley Hosted

15th November.

The speaker Anthony Hasan from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance gave us an update on recent up-dates to the service. He has been helping with administration for over 4 years and amused us when he first thought A.A. meant Alcoholics Anonymous! This A.A. is a charity like all, except one in Scotland which due to its extensive territory is financed by the N.H.S.

The H. & I.W.A.A. now has a H135 helicopter capable of flying 19 hours per day and can reach a speed of 140 m.p.h. with a range of 500 miles. So far since starting the charity has attended 7,509 missions an average of two per day. One third of cases are due to road accidents and other accidents and one quarter due to heart disease. The aircraft has two pilots and nearly always a specialist doctor accompanied by a paramedic. The medical staff invariably work for the local N.H.S. and all have 3 extra years training. They work in shifts as well as their normal duties.

Patients are taken to the appropriate hospital according to their condition and radio reports are forwarded as soon as their problems have been diagnosed, so that staff are fully prepared on arrival. The Helicopter is almost a mobile A & E. equipped with blood transfusion facilities and appropriate drugs. It can land in an area the size of a tennis court. It lands forward but takes off backwards for safety reasons. In addition

to the patients it can also take an extra adult especially if a child is the patient. The ambulance call centre at Otterbourne decides when to scramble the service when the initial 999 call is received.



Fund raising is obviously very important as it costs £9,000 per day to run i.e. £3.2m p.a. The doctors are part paid by the N.H.S and the paramedics are fully paid by the N.H.S, which also picks up the bills for drugs etc, Crew clothing costs £2,200 per person paid by the H.I.O.W.A.A.as is the rest of the kit and ground and office staff. A lottery is run, membership costs £13 per quarter. Collecting boxes are extensively distributed in the area covered and 120 fund raising shows and events regularly take place. Often grateful patients contribute. The Head Quarters are in Southampton and the airfield is at Thruxton.

James Fullarton Hosted.

President John presented 174 Dictionaries 4life to pupils at Fareham academy



Future Meetings and events.

December

6th. Winter vegetable soup, Steak and ale pies with mashed potatoes & veg.

Speaker-David Smith-Subject "The unknown sailor and the naked Lady" -Host Harvey Griffiths.

Ladies meet for dinner at Antonio's restaurant in Fareham

13th. Traditional roast turkey plus free Christmas Pudding!

20th Club Christmas Dinner at New Place Wickham 7 for 7.30pm (Black tie)

27th Meeting cancelled

3rd January meeting cancelled

Senior Citizen's Fair Sponsored by our Club.

About a half dozen of us manned our stand at the Rotary Fareham Meon stand at the Technical College on 17th November. This was quite well attended in the large sports hall. However as the college was in session parking was rather difficult. There was a wide variety of organisations providing information about help for the elderly and types of activities which folk might like to take up. This was the second year that Fareham M.P. Suella Fernandes has organised this annual event and our stand was quite popular and we made many contacts including one or two which may lead to new members. We demonstrated a water box turning dirty water into drinkable. Also many of Rotary's activities were shown in a display of posters. See below.



Answer to the question in October edition

“What is a hagioscope?” Nobody claimed to know so I have saved the price of the promised drink for the correct answer. It is a window cutting into a church wall to enable leprosy sufferers to observe a service without the chance of infecting other luckier worshippers.

Gourmet Dinner on 29th November

Impeccable organisation by Geoff Smith ensured a most enjoyable evening at the Wheel House. Naturally members responded to the challenge of cooking and all the delicious dishes were appreciated by the 29 diners. Very little food was left! Geoff Smith must be congratulated for organising one of the best Gourmet evenings we have had.

Notes from the D.110 Past District Governor's meeting at Southampton on 29th November.

The value of R.I.B.I's H.Q. building at Alcester has been revalued from £325,000 to £1.2m.

Heavy fines are likely to be imposed on non-compliance with the Data Protection Act in the future.

Club central had a training session after the last District Council meeting with only 14 trainees present. However from what I have heard I think it might be beneficial if our club became involved as it is quite a good way of learning what other clubs do. New Members?

Another new initiative is something called Crowd Funding which enables organisation like ours to obtain quite large financial support for big projects. One of the requirements is that applicants are required to raise £4,000 from 40 different supporters. It would seem that Four Marks and Benstead club are hoping to receive support for the special bungalows for the severely disabled.

The R.Y.L.A. programme is under review as numbers taking part are falling due to other competing school programmes .

The Jersey conference in October 2018 is proving to be very popular with over 400 registrations already.

Framed Corporate Awards (C.S.R.) given to supporting businesses are very popular and much appreciated by the recipients.

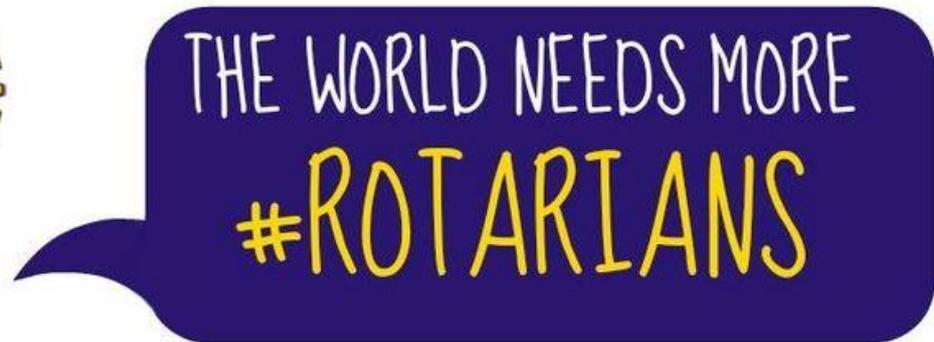
The District Conference held at the Hampshire cricket centre was deemed successful although only 170 attended on the Friday with 210 on the Sunday. Very few delegate stayed at the hotel. Problems arose when sessions started as the projection system did not work at first until Andrew Pike risked life and limb when he climbed through a hatch in the high ceiling to make the screen and projector descend. Also the bar did not have any cork screws. Some compensation is awaited.

Our District 1110 has the highest figure for donations for Polio Eradication.

Polio Eradication News.

There is every likelihood that the last case of Polio in Pakistan has been recorded leaving Afghanistan the last country in the world to continue to have infections. It is heartening to hear that Japan has recently give \$9m. to the campaign and large

donations have also been given by some Moslem countries as eradication has been very slow in Islamic areas.



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