



## **Meon Tidings No. 68 November 2016**

### **Foundation Month.**

#### **Future meetings and events.**

#### **November- all Club meetings start at 7pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Chicken leek & mushroom pie, Sauté potatoes & peas.

**9<sup>th</sup>** Chilli-con-carne with rice, tortilla chips & tomato salsa.

**6pm** Council meeting followed by business meeting.

**16<sup>th</sup>** Pate with fruit chutney & toast; Baked gammon with veg. & parsley sauce;  
Fruit crumble & custard.

Speaker-P.D.G. Reg Ling-Subject-Latest position on Polio Eradication.

Host- Derrick Oswald.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Beef cottage pie with veg.

Special General Meeting to elect officers for next Rotary year.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Retirees information afternoon at St John's Church, St Michaels Grove, off  
Redlands Lane, Fareham. Volunteers required to man stand, finish at 5pm.

**30<sup>th</sup>** Gourmet Dinner evening at Wheel House 7 for 7.30pm

#### **Previous meetings and events**

**Our speaker on 19<sup>th</sup> October was Michael Bolton, National Head of Fundraising for Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children.**

Michael had driven down from Cannock, and was driving straight back, especially to talk to us and to thank us for the £1,000 we gave the charity to provide Theo Mavromartis, from Petersfield with a specialist bed. This helps him sleep safely at night. He has sensory-seeking behaviour which means he bounces on his bed, punches, kicks and bangs his head on the sides. A regular bed is unsuitable for Theo

because he eats unsuitable things like wallpaper and carpet underlay. He will creep silently round the house climbing over stair gates and turning on taps. At the moment Theo has a loan bed from Newlife as the target to buy a new one has not quite been reached

The charity provides help and support to children with disabilities or terminal illness and their families by providing essential disability equipment, or a professional nurse service team, as well as Play Therapy Pods and Comfort Capsules and in addition they campaign and fund research at Great Ormond Street hospital. There is a record demand for help from all over UK where local statutory services cannot assist. They helped 2,500 children last year and this looks set to increase.

Referral for equipment or support usually comes from healthcare professionals and decisions have to be made on a points basis.

The charity is unusual in that it tracks all donations and it only buys equipment or gives support in the county where the money was given. It can also track donations so it can tell the donor how it has been spent and the progress being made by the recipient.

Michael is a marketing expert who is a specialist in hot air balloons. He is in charge of a team of 9 who raise approximately £1.8m each year. In addition there is a commercial fundraising arm for the charity. He has been in fundraising for over 20 years having previously worked for PDSA, Shelter, RAF Benevolent Association and the Tank Museum at Wool, which enabled him to take a Master's degree in military history.

An accomplished speaker, Michael gave us an enjoyable and good insight into the charity we had supported.

I have his PP presentation if anyone is interested

James Fullarton

### **Cardiff Conference 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Apart from the problems of car parking and the slowness of the service at the Gala Dinner on Saturday the overall impression was good. Four couples from the club stayed at the Headquarter Hotel, the Mecure Holland House, and one couple were with Fareham club at Jury's Inn. We joined up with Mother Club for a meal on Friday evening where the service was also very slow! As a result only Colin and Lorraine were able to hear the second half of the Abba Revival concert at St.David's Hall. Maybe a blessing? The three plenary sessions were held at the St David's Hall which is an ideal venue with comfortable seating affording excellent views of the stage.

D.G. Chris Slocock put together a varied programme which covered a variety of interesting topics. He appeared in a variety of attire which did not appear to have any meaning. Many of the speakers were from little known excellent charities and organisations. We even had an appearance on film of Sir David Attenborough and President Obama. Although very absorbing there was little humour until ex-

Government Minister Anne Widdicombe spoke. She was on stage for an hour and covered her political life and also her part as Anton Du Beck's partner on Strictly Come Dancing. She also frankly answered many questions from the floor. She was one of the stars of the conference. The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir ran a close second with a very varied programme.

Cardiff is a very busy city with a tremendous amount of new building going on especially in the centre and old docks area. The traffic is horrendous with many one way systems and a multiplicity of traffic lights!

### **Purple Crocus Corm Planting.**



The picture shows some of the hard working team planting 5,000 Purple Crocus Corms with the kind permission of the owners of the Cams Hall Estate. These are on the grass verge at the back of the Cams Mill Pub/restaurant by the A27 road. This to celebrate the near ending of the Rotary movement's 30 year involvement in a worldwide campaign to eliminate the crippling diseases Polio. At the outset there were over 300,000 cases leading to 80,000 deaths and the permanent paralysis of many thousands. Since the start Rotary was joined by the W.H.O., Unicef and the U.S. centre for communicable diseases. Latterly the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have made extremely large donations.

We are nearly there, last year there were only 48 cases in a few countries and so far this year there were 26 cases. Hopefully by next spring the crocus will be in bloom with an explanatory banner for all passers-by to see. The Pub have also promised to have explanatory flyers on the bar.

## October 100 Club Draw Winners.

£100 James Fullarton £50 Vicky Houghton £40 Trevor Pickford

### Parlez-vous Cockney?

Now that we only have one speaker a month I am short of copy for my monthly news letter. So I have decided to fill up with an assortment of rubbish!

As I was born in London to parents who were also born there I thought I would try to educate you in cockney language speak. The translations will be given in the December issue. Try to fathom out what the Cockney Geezer is trying to convey in the examples below. The cockneys used this speak as a secret way to convey information to other cockneys. There were also other ways of doing the same thing one of which was back slang i.e. Brian Ray –Irnbay Aray

- 1) The trouble and strife's gone Mrs Mopping for an Auntie Ella but if we get a David Gower she'd be better off spending her Nelson Eddies on a new nanny.
- 2) Let's have a butcher's at the Bruno N'Gotty on page 3 of the Current Bun. Blimey what a lovely pair of threepenny bits-you could get turned and tossed in those!
- 3) The ole jamjar's off the frog and toad because the Starsky and Hutch keeps slipping, the Billie Pipers are silver and gold, the Shirley Bassey needs repairing, the Tony Slattery's flat and the Charlie Drakes have gone Pete Tong. So it's in the Steve Claridge.
- 4) Did you hear about the left and right down the rub-a-dub last night? One sweaty got hit over the crust with a Peter O'Toole and the other ended up with cut apple pips, boiled beef and carrots all down his dicky. A kick in the Tom Dooleys and a real Morris Minor.

### Building on the Business Partners scheme.

Since this scheme was started by the present D.G.Chris Slocock in D.1110 this initiative raises approximately £50,000 per annum to fund club activities and projects. There are now 350 Business Partners involved. Our club needs more which could lead to more members or help with our programmes.

### Our Business Partners.



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