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# club bulletin

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rotary club of Locks Heath / district 1110

Feb 4 -	Zoom	Viv Carter from Honeypot
Feb 18 -	Zoom	
Mar 4 -	Zoom	Phil Godfrey, RC Solihull – Round Britain Rail Tour
Mar 18 -	Zoom	

## Forthcoming Events

Jul 18 – Jazz at the Vineyard

**Birthdays this Month. Happy Birthday to: -**  
Brian Russell

**Graham Evans:** Honorary Rotarian Graham died on 23 January 2021. Graham was an Active Rotarian for 42 years, joining in July 1977. He was Club President in 1992-93 and also 2007-8. Graham will also be remembered as ‘Father Christmas’ amongst many other contributions he made to Rotary and in particular Locks Heath Rotary. Graham is survived by his wife, Angie, who is a member of Locks Heath Inner Wheel and their son, George.

### December and January 2021 Review

December was very much a non-event month. Our Annual Christmas collection at the Locks Heath Centre was cancelled as was the joint Rotary and Inner Wheel Christmas Dinner and the Christmas meal for past Rotarians and widows of Rotarians.

In January we start of another year meeting over Zoom and accepting that we have also lost Burns Night and now the Schools Music Festival due to be held in March is also cancelled.

We did however, have a first for Locks Heath Rotary – a zoom meeting with members of the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cosmopolitan who are in India. They have 25 members.

### Rotary Bench on the River Hamble shore

The bench that the Rotary Club of Locks Heath funded some years ago that is located on the tow path of the River Hamble in Warsash has now had some repairs carried out, by it seems Hampshire County Council. After some detective work and GPS site identification by John Selby and telephone calls from Brian Russell we now know who has repaired the bench. However, Hampshire CC are now reviewing whether they are going to recharge the original funder for any future refurbishment! The bench still needs some work carried out to ensure it will survive for some time and this may entail work by Rotarians in the future! Watch this space for updates.

### District Conference 8 – 10 October 2021 – Guernsey

The District Secretary has just informed me that the organising committee has decided to cancel the District Conference that was due to be held in Guernsey. The principle reason given is that the islands prime line of defence against the Covid virus is a rigid management of their borders, which makes a conference populated by inbound delegates difficult to deliver.

## Burns Night

Fellow Rotarians we should have been holding our annual Burns Night supper on 23 January 2021.

When did it all begin and why is a passionate Englishman so heavily involved in the organisation?

I will answer the second part first. Involvement was due to having a mother-in-law who was born in Aberdeen and a father-in-law who served in the Gordon Highlanders during the Second World War and they were the two who first mooted the idea.

When did it all begin, age and much whisky over the years has dulled the memory a little but the family think it was 1991? Father-in-law John put the idea to the Club Council and they said it would never work, this resulted in the classic line "Bollocks to you lot I will run myself as a fun night". I am not sure if Betty knew this would happen if the Council said no. The family came to the fore and fortunately the Club gave their support.

In the early years we did not have a caterer and Betty and Susie did the majority of the cooking including peeling the potatoes and vegetables. In following years, we managed to get the local fish and chip shop to peel the potatoes, eventually I persuaded Richard Formby to do the catering which he has done so admirably for many years for next to nothing. The local fruit and veg shop have supplied the vegetables ready prepared for a number of years. Washing up was another problem. Again, to start with we did the washing up as well. We learnt as the years went on and for a donation, we called on local Scout Groups to assist. In those early years the day was long and hard work and the following Sunday I used to feel a little jaded!!

The support from members in setting up the Victory Hall has always been fantastic as has the help of the Ladies from Inner Wheel in serving the supper, with a special mention to Ingrid Stillman, who for a number of years, made the sweet of cranachan.

I cannot remember where the Piper came from in the early years but John Hopwood played the pipes for a very good number of years for a free supper from him and Janet. For a person involved in amateur dramatics John used to get very nervous. Unfortunately, as you all know John became ill and I had to look elsewhere for a Piper and I realised how lucky I had been when I found out how much a Piper cost. We have had the same band every year and our Burns Night was one of their most enjoyable nights of the year. The dancing usually started fairly well organised but became a bit more chaotic as the Whisky flowed. The address to the Haggis has been given in varying accents from Scottish, Irish and Hampshire.

I have no idea how much money we have raised over the years but the idea was always that it should be a fun evening and funds raised were a bonus.

If you decide to celebrate Burns Night at home this year the best recipe for cooking the Haggis is "place in a pan of boiling water and place a bottle of whisky next to the pan for tasting purposes. When the bottle is empty the Haggis is cooked".

President John I am sorry we will not be celebrating Burns Night this year as I may have broken with tradition and put a bottle of spiced rum on your table as I know you do not like whisky.

Fellow Rotarians thank you and your Ladies and friends for your support over the last 29 years from a passionate Englishman who will be devastated if Scotland beat England in the Calcutta Cup on 6 February 2021, if it goes ahead.

Cheers, David

*Editor: See Picture on next page -*



Founder President John Peterkin and instigator of the Rotary Burns Night

Editor: I think John Peterkin has better legs than his son-in-law, David?

### Joyce Darwent

Quite a few of the members will remember Joyce Darwent and her husband, Lorimor Darwent, who was President 2003-04. Joyce moved away recently to a Care Home but her granddaughter, Charlotte, was in the Daily Mail recently as she is a shepherdess on the Prince of Wales estate in Ayrshire. She is pictured sitting with her dogs on a bespoke Shepherds Hut that is going to be used as an educational tool to teach traditional skills.



(Bo) peep inside: Charlotte Darwent with Dot and Gill at the hut



Cosy: The interior with wool walls and stained glass windows

*Pictures by courtesy of 'The Daily Mail'.*

## Interesting Facts

- 10,000 shipping containers are lost from Cargo Ships each and every year
- There are more than 500 peanuts in the average jar of peanut butter
- Bees can be, and have been, taught to play football
- Apes are the only animals that need to be taught to swim
- A clock's second hand.....is really its third hand!!

## In a more light hearted way:-

That will be £100. Chasing birds is not a reasonable excuse to be outside



The Yorkshireman  
@TheyOrkshireman

"Not today, love..."

"The hills are closed"



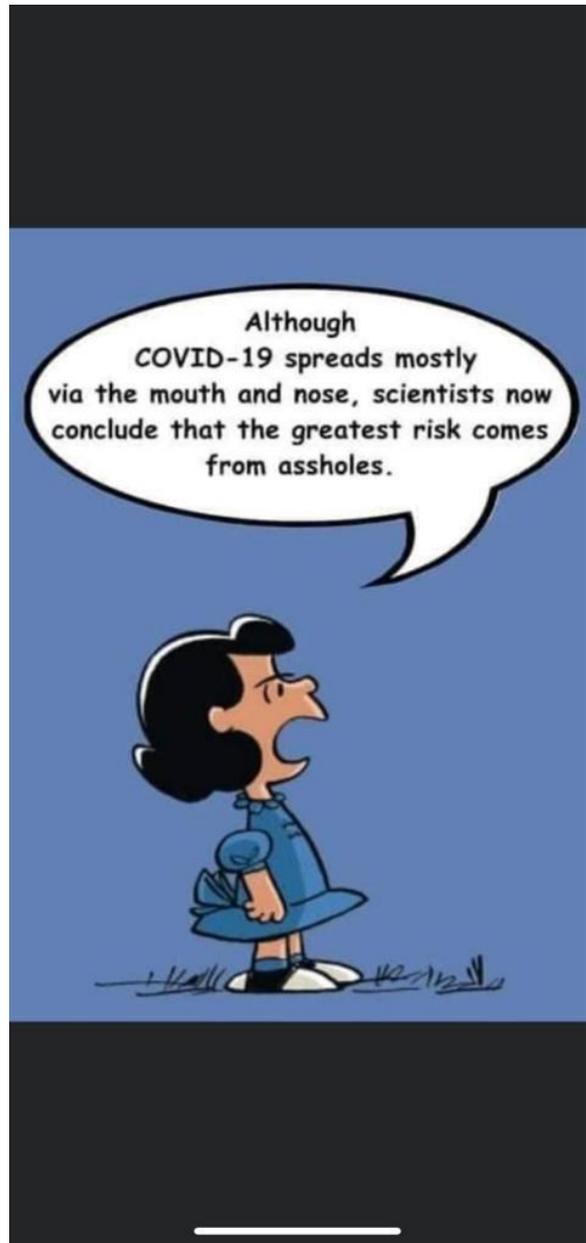
First trip booked for 2021

Hopefully off to Iceland in  
February.

If that goes well, probably  
looking at Asda in March and  
Tesco in April.

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**Scientists have now confirmed that women who have put on weight during the COVID lockdowns live longer than men who mention it.**





HM Government



# CORONAVIRUS

## GUIDELINES FOR THOSE WANTING TO IGNORE THE LOCKDOWN

Following consultation, the government along with members of the NHS have decided to initiate a new policy for those not wanting to follow current lockdown guidelines.

Those wishing to leave their homes, meet friends, gather in public places and basically continue as they always have done prior to the lockdown can now do so once they agree to the terms in the Totally Withhold All Treatment policy or TWAT for short.

The new policy means that you are more than willing to take your life in your own hands and will not be a burden to the NHS should you fall ill following your own ignorant selfish stupidity.

Those agreeing to these terms will be given stickers and labels to place on their clothing with the letters TWAT clearly visible. Once done, they will be free to continue their carefree lifestyles. After all, you only live once and what better way to prove it.

So sign up now to the Totally Withhold All Treatment policy and display the letters properly so that other people know to avoid you, or drag their knuckles along with you.

TWAT - let the world know what you are.

For everyone else, thank you and please continue to stay at home and stay safe.

**Please do stay safe and keep well.**

*The Editor is always grateful for any interesting articles for the Bulletin.*