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club bulletin

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rotary club of Locks Heath / district 1110

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| Jan 6 | Holiday Inn | Council Meeting |
| Jan 6 - | Holiday Inn | Normal Meeting |
| Jan 20 - | Holiday Inn | Normal Meeting |
| Feb 3 - | Holiday Inn | Normal meeting |
| Feb 17 - | Holiday Inn | Normal meeting |

Forthcoming Events

Our first meeting back at the Holiday Inn on 6th January 2022.

Birthdays this Month. Happy Birthday to: -
Michael Coward and Colin Brookes

We are to Meet Again!

A key date for your diary – Thursday 6th January 2022 ■ Our First formal meeting of the Club since 3rd March 2020 is now to set for the 6th January 2022 at the Holiday Inn.

The last time we met for a formal meeting with a meal is 96 weeks ago and in the intervening period we have held 38 Zoom meetings, a BBQ, a gathering at 'Pebbles', (Lee on the Solent), a Skittles evening, 6 gatherings at The Silver Fern and a Christmas meal at the Holiday Inn – and we are still here! We only missed meeting up for two meetings in March 2020, at the start of the pandemic.

Meeting at the Holiday Inn

The arrangements for the meal at the Holiday Inn are different to that at The Navigator and also when we previously met at the Holiday Inn. We can now choose any main course and a dessert from their menu, with a couple of exceptions on the mains, for our £15 charge. The menu will be circulated to members. Also included is a Roll and butter and coffee. There is also a 20% discount on drinks at the bar for Rotary attendees.

However, Rotarians who are going to attend a meeting **MUST** select their meal choices and inform, for the present President John, their menu selection by the Monday preceeding the meeting. For the 6th January meeting selection to President John by Monday 3rd January and for the 20th January meeting, selection by Monday 17th January.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the two meetings in January.

2021 Review

A look back over the past year.

President John has continued to lead the Club, though he was not able to hold a formal meeting in 2021 and that is still the situation after being our President for 18 months.

January 2021: Honorary Rotarian Graham Evans died on 23 January. Graham had been an active member of the club for 42 years, joining in July 1977. He was Club President in 1992-93 and again in 2007-08.

Burns Night was cancelled.

February 2021: We launched our "One Lottery".

March 2021: Steve Orriss joined the Club.

April 2021: Jazz at the Vineyard in July 2021 is cancelled.

May 2021: District Assembly is held over Zoom and we held our Annual General Meeting also over zoom.

June 2021: Club Assembly held over Zoom and the President's handover is held virtually as President John continues for a second year.

July 2021: We start the new Rotary year hoping that it will be a more normal year for President John!

Mel Morley joined the Club. A BBQ was held at Rotarian Chris Milburn's house – the first face-to-face gathering since 3rd March 2020! Rotarians restore the 'Rotary bench' on the shore of the River Hamble.

August 2021: Rotarians meet at 'Pebbles', Lee on the Solent, for a meal and a lot of chatter. Later in the month we met at The Crofton pub for a light hearted game of skittles and a meal.

September 2021: Past President Paul Scarbro died on 10 September after a short illness. Our planned return to the Holiday Inn is delayed due to the Covid situation. We continue this month with a zoom meeting and then follow that with 2 meetings at the Silver Fern.

October 2021: End Polio Day. We had a collection stand in the Locks Heath Centre coinciding with World End Polio Day.

Past Rotarian Chris Davies died on 20 October.

November 2021: Past President Roger Baker represented Locks Heath Rotary at the Remembrance Day parade at the Warsash War Memorial and laid a wreath on our behalf.

December 2021: We collected at the Locks Heath Centre on 11 December for our charities, assisted by ladies of Inner Wheel.

We also held our traditional Christmas meal meeting for ex Rotarians and widows of past Rotarians at the Holiday Inn.

Locks Heath Rotary Donation made to Honeypot

We made a donation of £100 to the urgent appeal from Honeypot and these are the responses received from them:-

Dear Honeypot supporter,

The corks are popping at Honeypot! With the help of over 40 teams and sponsors, and almost 700 individual donors, we have hit our target and raised £1Million. This includes £306,000 of online donations, and £694,000 of offline donations. A huge thank you to everyone who's helped make this possible.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and a healthy, peaceful, prosperous New Year.

Simmi Woodwal, CEO Honeypot

A Message from Viv Carter (who spoke to us over Zoom):

I wanted to add my personal thanks for all you have done to achieve this...both in the last week and for a long time before that. Not only supporting Honeypot but helping me so much to spread the word about what we do. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The overall total is amazing (and has gone up since then!), but for me, this is the big news: the total raised by the wonderful local Hampshire/Dorset community for the £1m campaign is over £95k in less than one week and that's BEFORE the match funders double it... so these donations benefit Honeypot young carers by a total of £190K.

With best wishes

Viv

Viv Carter | Community Engagement Manager



PSTN Telephone switch off

How many of you are aware that Open Reach who provide the infrastructure of your current (PSTN, ISDN) analogue landline telephone system will have switched it all off by the end of 2025. Work is already underway, and when your local exchange is switched over, you will need a new digital phone. (Locksheath forecast between 2021/22 and 2023/24).

After switch over your landline (copper or fibre) will carry broadband only and no analogue phone signal. You will need new digital phone handsets, or a digital to analogue convertor. The phones will be connected to your broadband router (by wireless or cable).

Advantages – higher definition sound, plus goodies like working with Alexa and ‘cloud’ phones

Disadvantages – will not work with some existing personal and burglar alarms. You will be unable to call emergency services during a broadband failure or a power cut, so will need a standby mobile phone.

Currently if a BT customer they will supply (on request), a BT Hub 2 and up to 2 digital phones FOC. The BT Hub 2 only works with BT and Plusnet. There appears to be little or no information what provisions other service providers (such as TalkTalk) will make on switchover.

There has been almost no publicity over this far reaching (affecting everyone) change in the existing POTS (Plain old telephone service), and its completion is only 4 years away.

The Editor is very grateful to John Selby for the above article.

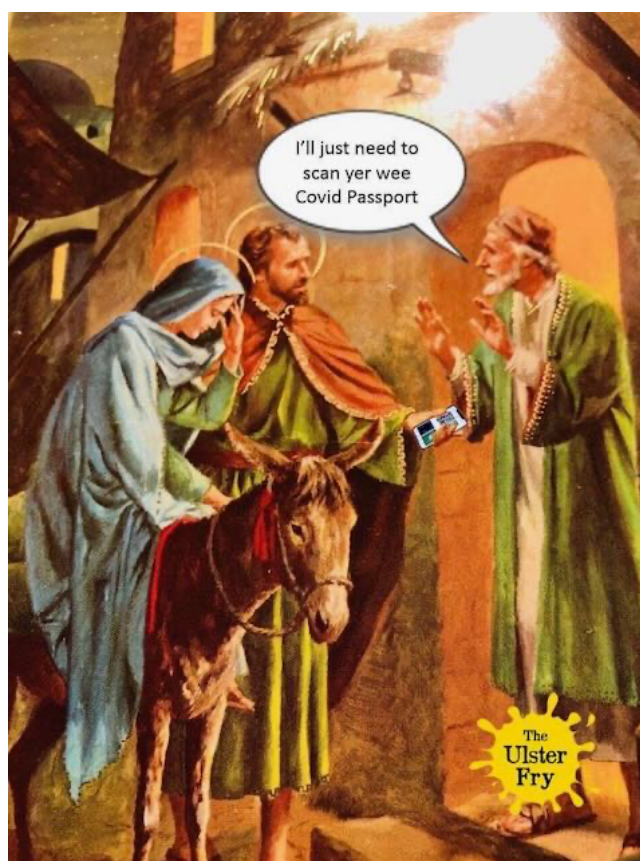
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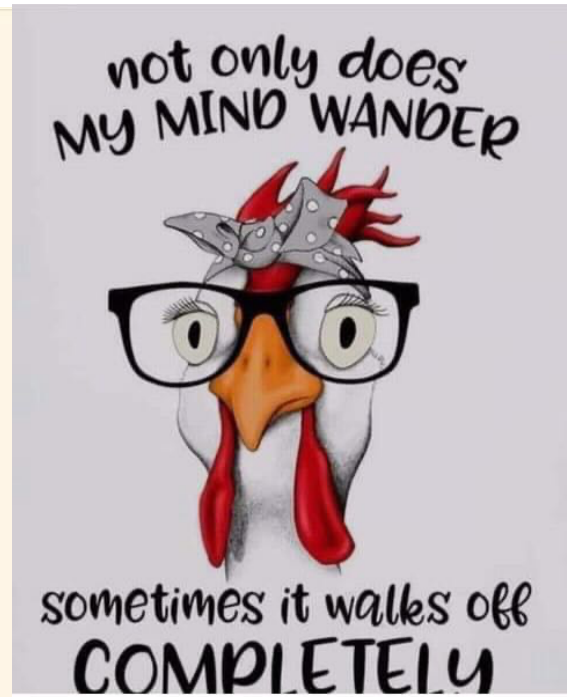
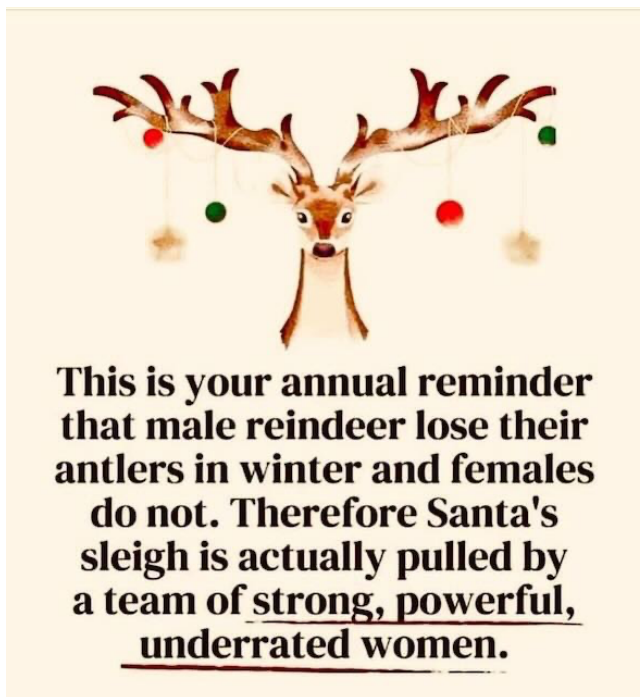
- Croquet was dropped as an Olympic sport in the 1900 games after just one spectator turned up.
- The Rio Olympics employed 75 lifeguards at the swimming events.
- 600 million years ago, the Earth's waters were freshwater.
- Dolphins provide babysitting services.
- Lobster's brains are the same size as the tip of a ballpoint pen.

Have you joined the Locks Heath Lottery? Do you know friends who would like to join?

Visit our web site : www.locksheathrotary.org.uk and look for the link to One Lottery

In a more light hearted way:-





I can rise and shine.....
just not at the same time.



The Editor wishes to thank Rosemary McCormack of Locks Heath Inner Wheel ('across the water in Bursleden'), who supplied many of the above cartoons.

Please do stay safe and keep well.

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