

### No 232 April 2022



# club bulletin

rotary club of Locks Heath / district 1110

Mtg Date	Duty Rotarian	<u>Activity</u>
Apr 7 - Apr 21 -	Stephen Kirby Lee Lawrence	Normal meeting Speaker: James Keen talk on "Undertakers" fact or fiction
May 5 - May 19 -	Chris Milburn Lesley Milburn	Business Meeting & AGM Normal meeting
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## **Forthcoming Events**

May 5 – Annual General Meeting Jun 6 – Club Assembly

July 9 – Warsash Festival July 17 – Jazz at the Vineyard

Birthdays this Month. Happy Birthday to: - David Creal, Jan Haskell & Elaine Conniff

#### **March Review**

We had a Council meeting and then a Business Meeting mid month. We agreed to donate £500 to the "Wessex Rotary CIO District Appeal" for Ukraine. This will then be used by District with other donations and grants to send money to specific projects to support the Ukrainian people either in Ukraine or neighbouring countries. In addition to this the Club members sent £360 for Ukraine via past President John Blizzard, who now lives in Poland, for work with local Rotary clubs there. John visited us on 3 March and told us of his own direct knowledge of what is happening in Poland with the Ukrainian refugees.

On 17 March, Rachel Northover gave us a talk on the charity she works for called African Adventures Foundation.

This Foundation supports groups of volunteers from local schools to spend usually 9 days or so providing support to 16000 children in Kenya, Ghana and Zanzibar offering education as a way out of poverty. The African students are offered free education.

Volunteers from local schools in the UK fund raise in order to pay for their trips which work out at about £1600 each. Volunteers are generally aged 14 upwards. Groups of about 30 young person's travel out on each support trip. The volunteers gain valuable skills and work experience whilst in Africa.

The volunteers support the infrastructure, key equipment, food security and the charities WASH programme providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.

The food security is an important factor. A sum of £2700 feeds the 16000 students for a month. Just 15p provides 2 meals a day to each student.

The Foundation has been operating since 2013 and through grants and donations have raised £800,000. 100% of the monies pledged and donated goes to the charitable programme.

#### Meeting at the Holiday Inn

We seem to have sorted out our routine regarding ordering the food for the Rotary Meeting and Steve Orriss is keping us on our toes. you need to confirm your attendance at a meeting and your meal choice by **midday on the Monday preceeding a meeting.** 

Do not forget that the deal we have with the Holiday inn includes a 20% discount on all drinks purchased at the bar. You may have to ask for the discount and do not forget your Rotary Name badge.

Also please do not forget to enter your car registration number on either on one of the screens located on the Reception Desk or the one on the Bar when you arrive.

### **Update on Brian Russell**

Brian is improving and I know looking forward to getting back to meeting people. We wish him all the very best and also Maureen.

#### **Interesting Facts**

- The box jellyfish has 24 eyes, some of which always look skywards, even when it is upside down
- Gloomy octopuses throw sea shells at each other to brighten up their days
- Octopuses range in size from two centimetres to six meters across
- 1 in 14 Britons is on an NHS waiting list
- 10% of the NHS budget is used to treat diabetes
- Until the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, many people carried tiny portable organs called 'Organetti 'that they could play when the mood took them
- Paul McGuigan, the original bassist from Oasis, quit the band by fax!
- 1 in 5 British households own a copy of Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
- In 2016 the largest number of CDs sold by a single 'artist 'was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Opera Helps sends opera singers round to your house to sing the appropriate aria for your problems.

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



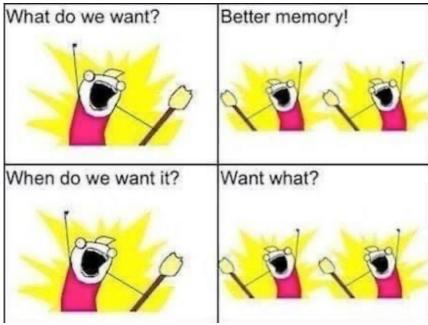
Where is this?

Answer to last months question: It is 'The Navigator', now called 'Harpers' where we used to meet, with the River Hamble in the background.

## In a more light hearted way:-







Thanks go to Rosemary McCormack for these!

## Please do stay safe and keep well.

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