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# club bulletin

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rotary club of Locks Heath / district 1110

<u>Mtg Date</u>	<u>Duty Rotarian</u>	<u>Venue &amp; Activity</u>
Dec 6 -	- -	Avenue 141
Dec 20 -		Meeting Cancelled
Jan 3 -	John Murray	Victory Hall – Talk on the Rotary Foundation
Jan 17	Steve Orriss	To be confirmed, - Business Meeting
Jan 31	Penny Scarbro	To be confirmed
Feb 7	John Selby	Victory Hall

## Forthcoming Events

Burns Night – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Birthdays. Happy Birthday to: -

December: Penny Scarbro

January: Michael Coward & Colin Brookes

## *Celebrating 50 years of Rotary in Locks Heath*

**The Rotary Club of Locks Heath**

**received its Charter on 31 October 1972**

### Christmas Greetings from President David and Susie

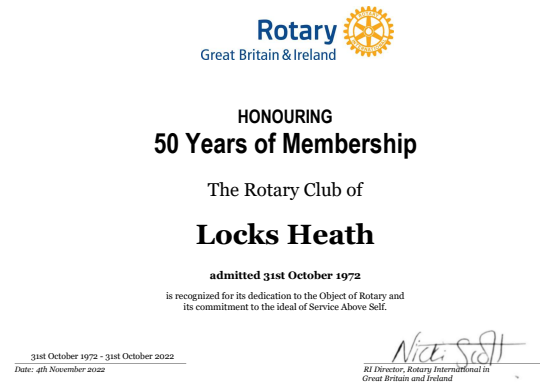


## November Review

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Night

We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since being chartered on 31 October 1972 at a dinner held at the Victory Hall on Friday 4 November, 2022, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham, Assistant Governor Ray Drake, Inner Wheel President Eve Aitken, Rotarians, friends and family.

At the dinner Assistant Governor Ray Drake presented President David Creal with a certificate 'Honouring 50 Years of Membership' of the world wide Rotary movement.



Also presented with gifts were the Mayoress, Anne Ford, President Eve Aitken of Inner Wheel Club of Locks Heath and our President's wife, Susie Creal, the daughter of our founder President John Peterkin.





*Locks Heath Rotarians at the 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner  
along with Assistant Governor Ray Drake (far left)*



*Rotarians, Mayor & Mayoress of Fareham, Inner Wheel President, partners and friends at the  
50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner*

**Shoeboxes**

This year along with the help and assistance of the Inner Wheel Club of Locks Heath we sent 79 Shoeboxes to the District Shoebox Appeal. The District total was 18,224 Shoeboxes.

This year they are going to Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. It was originally planned to also send boxes to Albania but the Albanian customs have imposed a requirement to raise invoices using a special software programme that the NGO says is too expensive for them to purchase. Instead those boxes with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Lublin Centrum in Poland will go to Ukranian refuge children in homes, orphanages and community groups in Poland. The Rotary Club of Lublin Centrum also confirmed that they are willing to work with Rotary International Kyiv to see if it is feasible to get a van load of boxes to Lviv or Kyiv to be given to children in orphanages in those cities.

### Acts of Kindness

We were asked by the Inner Wheel Club of Locks Heath if we would join them in supporting the charity "Acts of Kindness Community (Solent)" very recently. This is a local charity distributing food parcels across Fareham, Gosport and Porchester and they are now operating as a foodbank for Fareham and Gosport after a temporary take over at the beginning of the Covid crisis from the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank (Friends of the Homeless).

They appealed for chocolates and other sweets to put into the food parcels for Christmas in order to give those receiving the food parcels a special treat at Christmas. We responded with the items shown below and along with Inner Wheel we did receive a special thank you from them.



Merry Christmas, and many, many thanks for  
all your generous support, from all the  
Acts of Kindness Team!



### Salvation Army

Chocolates left over from the AOK donation together with the items that were left over from the Shoebox sorting, thanks to Sue Westcott of the Inner Wheel Club, all went to the Salvation Army who confirmed that they raised over £700 with all the items that had been donated and particularly thanked the rotary clubs involved. The Salvation Army say that with the generosity they were able to distribute more food hampers.

**Well done Locks Heath Rotary.**

## **Special General Meeting**

The main points from the Special General Meeting were:-

- The Club and Charity accounts for the last Rotary year 2021-22 were approved
- We do have a Treasurer for next year, John Selby.
- However, we DO NOT HAVE a President or Secretary for next year, 2022-23.

## **Future of the Club**

**Not having a President or Secretary for the next Rotary year that starts on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 means that the Secretary will have to inform District that we are unlikely to be able to carry on as a Club past the end of June 2023.**

**The President Elect is due to attend the “President Elect Training Session (PETS)” in January or February 2023 but more importantly without a Secretary there will be no way for District or RI to communicate with the Club and there will be no one to manage the affairs of the Club.**

**The District Secretary has already been informed that we have not got a President for next year but without a Secretary the Club cannot continue and we will have to surrender our Charter. Rotarians would be free to join another Club, if they wished.**

In a similar way to keep the Club active and alive no one has come forward to take on the following roles:-

- Speaker Secretary – even to arrange only a few speakers in the year.
- Publicity – whether it is through the web site, Facebook or whatever media
- We have lost our Membership Lead through a resignation – someone should take this role on

## **Meetings in January and February 2023**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Meeting at the Victory Hall

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Venue to be confirmed. This should be a Business Meeting or 31<sup>st</sup>.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Venue to be confirmed.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Meeting at the Victory Hall

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Venue to be confirmed.

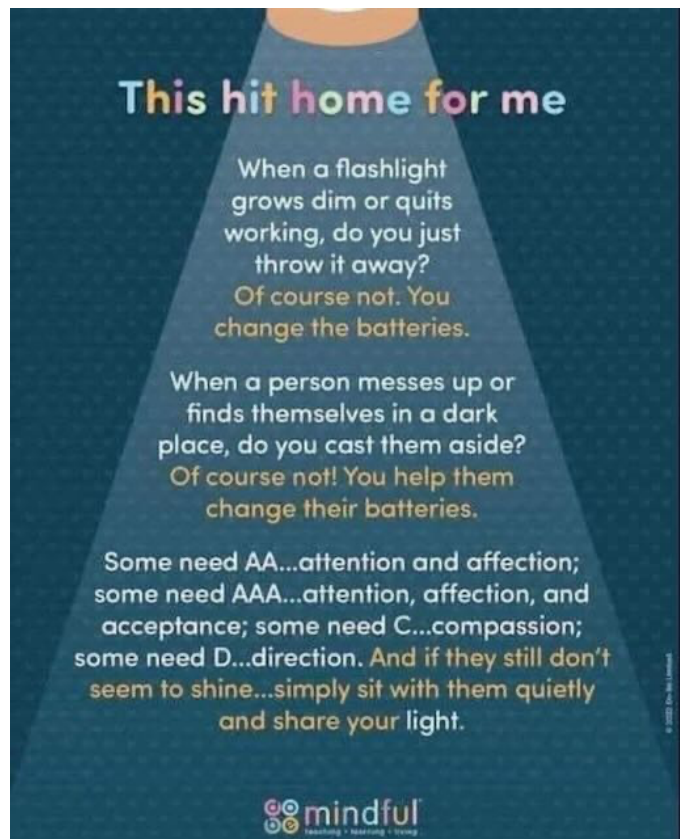
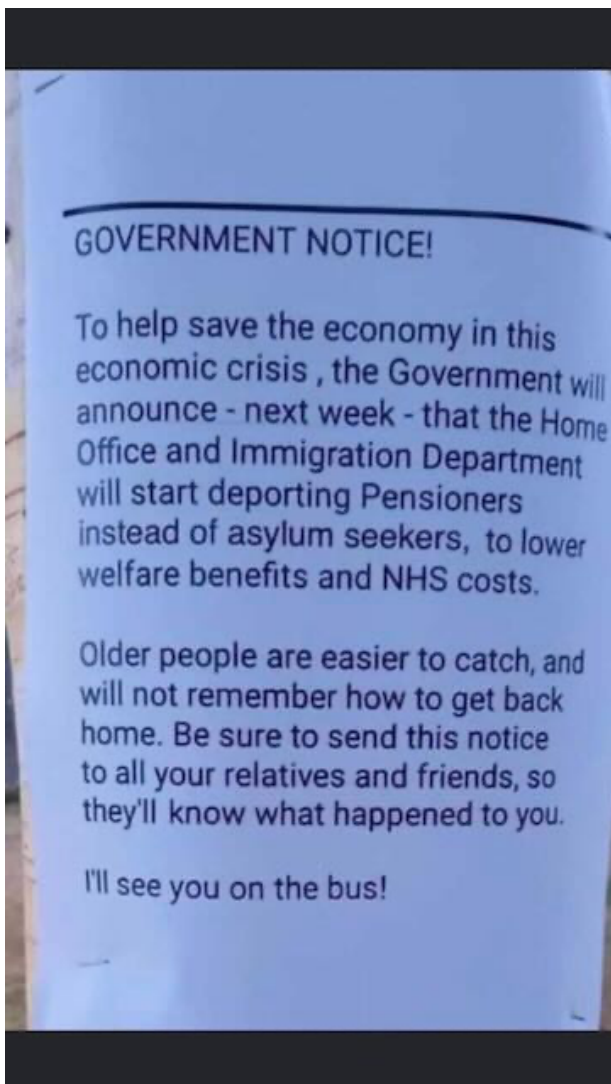
NB: We did agree at the SGM that we would have at least one meeting a month at the Victory Hall and the other meeting in the month could be a variety of venues for different types of social gatherings.

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

In a more light hearted way:-

### Interesting Facts. -

- All the cables under the ocean joined together would be long enough to reach to the moon and back
- Cows lie down when it's cold or when they're tired, not necessarily when it is about to rain
- Only four people went to Jane Austen's funeral
- George Eliot's right hand was much bigger than her left
- George Bernard Shaw left money in his will to fund a 40 letter alphabet
- George Orwell said beer was best drunk out of China cups



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

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

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*