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club bulletin
Rotary club of Locks Heath / District 1110

<u>Mtg Date</u>	<u>Duty Rotarian</u>	<u>Venue & Activity</u>
Dec 5	Elaine Conniff	Social, Victory Hall
Dec 19		Christmas Meal (venue to be announced)
2 Jan	Mike Coward	Business and Council
16 Jan		Skittles at the Crofton (note change of date)
30 Jan		Change of venue - TBA

Forthcoming Events

2 Dec – Christmas Charity Collection at Locks Heath Shopping Village

Happy Birthday to: -
Steve Orriss

October Review

October was a very busy month.

We welcomed two engaging speakers to the Victory Hall. On 3rd October 2023 'Tunde Adelakun spoke on the subject of inclusivity and diversity and encouraged every club to make connections with groups in our communities so that we can work together to facilitate real change and at the same time demonstrate that we are welcoming to everyone. On 31st October 2023 Viv Carter of Honeypot House spoke to our Charter Night in order to provide an update about the way their work continues to develop and expand. She was also able to reflect on her own father's past involvement with this club, and how themes of service and fellowship were as relevant now as they were then. These are thoughts we should perhaps hold in mind as we work to develop our offering to current and new members in the year ahead.

I attended the G7 meeting in Havant on 18th October 2023 at which the focus of discussion was marketing Rotary and growing membership. Other Clubs shared their experiences about how they had been tackling these issues. Some clubs had changed their meetings, created new forms of membership and induction, held open days, used social media to reach new

people, canvassed businesses, updated their websites and become more focused in involving people in their activities and projects. We can certainly learn from other clubs as we design our own growth strategy. There was also encouragement for more interaction between clubs and we hope to invite other clubs to a skittles evening on the 16th January 2024.

Those of us lucky enough to be able to attend the District Conference in Cheltenham over the weekend of 14th and 15th October 2023 were treated to a variety of inspiring speakers and entertainment, including the male voice choir pictured.



This was my first weekend conference since joining the club in the days of Covid and it was inspiring. I enjoyed the fellowship of my club colleagues. It opened my eyes to the wider work of Rotary.

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

And finally..

Fareham Rotary moved surplus (mostly post Covid) equipment into storage recently from Fareham Community Hospital. If you want to know more as you may be interested in asking for some of it please let me know and I can give you the list of what is available.

Please do stay safe and keep well.

I am always grateful for any interesting articles for the Bulletin.