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Rotary Club of Locks Heath / District 1110

<u>Mtg Date</u>	<u>Duty Rotarian</u>	<u>Venue & Activity</u>
Apr 30		Social, Pebbles Restaurant
May 7	Lesley Milburn	Social, Victory Hall
May 21	Mel Morley	AGM, Council & Business, Victory Hall

Forthcoming Events

- April 27 – District Club Support Forum
- May 16 – Rotary GB&I Business Meeting
- June 4 – Now Club Assembly.

Birthdays: David Creal, Elaine Conniff

March Review

The District Council meeting on 23rd March 2024 was attended by Chris Milburn, Lesley Milburn and John Selby.

Otherwise March was a fairly quiet month, although a nice social gathering was held at The Hook on 5th March and our Council and Business Meetings took place on the 19th March.

Meetings in June 2024

4 June 2024	Victory Hall	<i>Club Assembly</i>
18 June 2024	Talisman	<i>Social</i>

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

Roger Baker would like everyone to know about Eric Moody:

Many years ago we had a speaker at the Club who was a British Airways pilot. He held us all enthralled for almost an hour.

He had been the Captain of a Boeing 747 en route to Perth with 248 passengers onboard. At 37,000 ft over Java the aircraft was engulfed in St Elmo’s fire and gradually each of the four engines cut out. The pilots were able to glide the aircraft whilst trying to restart the engines. When they dropped below 12,000 ft the Captain realized they would not be able to clear the mountains and prepared to ditch in the sea. The passengers were informed and many wrote last notes to loved ones. Finally the engines started to respond and fired up, enabling the aircraft to be flown. Contact was made with

Jakarta for an emergency landing. With very little visibility the landing was successful using instruments only.

It transpired that the aircraft had flown through a volcanic cloud, causing the engines to fail and the front of the aircraft, including the windscreen, to be effectively sand blasted. They were all lucky to be alive.

The pilot in question was Eric Moody who has just died in March aged 84. He was a BA pilot for 32 years and amassed 17,000 flying hours. The aircraft was repaired and returned to service. When it was eventually scrapped the aircraft control yoke was presented to Eric. He also received a number of other awards for his achievement in saving so many lives.

RIP Eric Moody.

And finally..

The Victory Hall are now running a book swap/exchange located in the Foyer, to help with fundraising.

The Victory Hall AGM is taking place on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm and all residents of Warsash and users of the hall can attend. User groups can nominate a trustee.

Please do stay safe and keep well.

I am always grateful for any interesting articles for the Bulletin. Your next bulletin will be short if no one gives me any articles.