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The aim of these quarterly Newsletters is to keep people and organisations informed about our club. It tells them what we have done recently, alerts them to what we are planning and, where appropriate, highlights opportunities to become involved in our activities. We would welcome **feedback** from readers. John Gould - Editor

A celebration.....

Walk the Test Way 2015

was an outstanding success in terms of the number of walkers who took part (709), the number of charities supported (129) and total amount raised which presently stands at a record

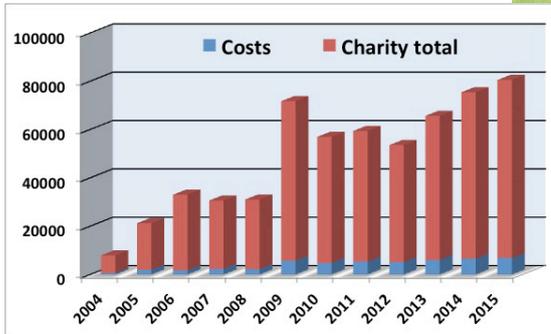
£80,000 and counting...

This brings the total sum donated to charities by "The Walk" since it started in 2004 to

£555,820

The largest beneficiaries from the 2015 walk are highlighted on page 2 of this newsletter.

If you'd like a little taste of what the walk is all about there is short video produced by one of our Business Partners, Copia Productions on Youtube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1-7BgPJ2_s



.....and an invitation

Would you like to make next year's walk even more successful?

Sunday October 9th

There are many ways you could do so.

Do you have a favourite Charity?

so can you get a team of walkers together and raise sponsorship.

Would you like to wear a dayglo jacket?

On the day we need over 100 marshals and helpers. You could be one of them.

Would you like to be walk business sponsor?

There are substantial costs associated with running each year's walk and the more of these can be covered by sponsorship, the more money will go to the walkers' charities. If your company might like to have its name associated with this successful annual event (or indeed any of our Club's activities) we'd be happy to hear from you.

If the answer to any on these is YES please contact the walk team leader, **Greg Hall**.

Do you have some engineering skills?



We work closely with the Dentaid charity based in Landford.

They are looking for volunteers to help them build the portable chairs that, with Rotary's help are shipped around the world to provide dental care in remote and impoverished communities (and even in the UK!).

If you know someone who might be able to help please contact Dentaid's workshop manager stuart@dentaid.org

Walk the Test Way 2015

The following are the teams whose efforts raised over £1000 for charity. They cover a wide range of national and local organisations and had large and small teams of walkers. Click on the logo to access their web site and learn more.

	£9008 14 walkers	The Magic Wand Appeal raising funds to improve the children's unit at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.
	£6165 78 walkers	Wessex Cancer Trust provide local support for people living with or affected by cancer.
	£4886 35 walkers	Salisbury Hospicecare Trust provides nursing and medical care together with emotional and practical support for patients and their families.
	£4568 30 walkers	Macmillan Cancer Support providing practical, medical and financial support and pushing for better cancer care.
	£3753 34 walkers	Oracle Cancer Trust leading research into head and neck cancer in the UK.
	£2372 23 walkers	Alzheimer's Research UK - working towards a world where people are free from the fear, harm and heartbreak of dementia.
	£2310 33 walkers	Cancer Research UK - pioneering research to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.
	£2230 20 walkers	Jane Scarth House Romsey Cancer Support Centre provides emotional and practical support to anyone whose life is affected by cancer.
	£2058 33 walkers	Asante Citizens4Change promotes change, both for people here or abroad. <i>'Be the change you want to see in the world'.</i>
	£1604 57 walkers	Rotary Club of Romsey Test Trust Fund - supporting local and international charities.
	£1574 9 walkers	Countess Mountbatten Hospice is a special place where people with life limiting illnesses are cared for by a team that delivers 'over and above'.
	£1478 3 walkers	CAFOD - brings hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice.
	£1252 25 walkers	Charlie's Beach Hut provide holidays for families of children with life limiting illnesses and families of fire-fighters that have suffered bereavement.
	£1179 7 walkers	Breakthrough Breast Cancer the UK's largest breast cancer research charity.
	£1155 25 walkers	Naomi House and Jacksplace support children and young adults with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in Central Southern England.
	£1119 5 walkers	Where There's a Will supports intensive care patients and their families at Southampton General Hospital.
	£1102 14 walkers	The UK's number one heart charity. We offer information about heart disease and advice on how you can help prevent it.
	£1097 8 walkers	Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom is driving better care, treatments and quality of life.

Helping the community



The Romsey Opportunity Group, which is based at the Appletree Centre were in urgent need of a new computer and we were pleased to be able to help. Our Community Service chairman, Stuart Wineberg, presented Carol West (administrator of the Opportunity Group) with a new laptop that will enable the group to operate a fully mobile office for records and communications with outside agencies.

With volunteer helpers, the Group provides valuable respite and support for families of pre-school children with additional needs. Each child has a key worker with one-to-one targeted play in conjunction with health and education professionals.

Oh yes we did!

We treated 28 members and staff from **Romsey Young Carers** to a visit to the pantomime at The Salisbury Playhouse.



It was the final performance and the youngsters all thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere. Much ice cream and chocolate was consumed, and judging by the noise level, it all seemed to be much appreciated. Two Rotarians drove the Test Valley Community Services minibuses and were witness to the excited babble on the return journey. This has become an annual event that we will hope to repeat next year.

The Nomads Theatre Group is a small amateur dramatic group based in Woodley in Romsey. Since the Woodley Village hall was opened they have been using it as a permanent meeting where they rehearse and stage productions to entertain the local community and support local charities. We were pleased that we could help them with funding for audio and lighting equipment



It's good to talk



Intermediate and senior teams from the Hampshire Collegiate and Romsey Schools impressed both the judges and the audience by their performance in the Rotary Club of Romsey Test's 'Youth Speaks' competition in Romsey Town Hall's Council Chamber on 27th January. This was a local heat of Rotary's UK national competition and was attended by a large audience of Rotary members and guests.

Each team had a chairperson, a speaker and proposer for the vote of thanks. The presentations were followed by questions from the audience.

Our President Neill Duncan commented that he was impressed by all the teams' thoughtful and entertaining delivery.

After lengthy consideration the chair of the panel of judges, Larry Bartel, Head of Saint Edward's School, Sherfield English announced that Romsey School were winners of both age categories.

Their Intermediate Team of James Roland, Jo Lajeunesse and Rebecca Desouza had presented 'Who do we think we are - what it is to be British?' and their Senior Team of Anna Robinson, Max James and Elizabeth Hutchinson had presented 'Why can't we say what we mean?'. The HCS topics were 'Is total war necessary to defeat terrorism?' and "Freedom of speech comes with responsibility".

The next round of the National Competition will be held on 10th February at Test Valley School, Stockbridge.

Stop Press (February 10th)

Romsey intermediate and senior teams competed against teams from Bishop Wordsworth Grammar School, Salisbury and Rookwood School, Andover. In a closely fought contest Rookwood won the intermediate contest but the senior division was won by **Romsey School** seniors.

They will compete in the Wessex District final at Richard Taunton 6th Form College in Southampton on March 5th.

Congratulations and good luck Romsey School

More youth events

Youth Speaks marked the start of the Rotary Youth competitions "season" and in Newsletter -13 we'll report on our Young Musician, and Young Technologist and Young Enterprise events.



Rotary is flying high this Banner from the Rotary Club of Locks Heath near Southampton was taken to the International Space Station give by Tim Peake. It had to be irradiated first by NASA to ensure it carried no bugs.

About our Club and about Rotary

The Rotary Club of Romsey Test was started in 1990 and presently has 59 members (2 honorary). The Club was an offshoot of the **Rotary Club of Romsey** (the lunchtime club) that meets on Tuesday lunchtimes at the White Horse hotel. We are part of **Rotary International** and **Rotary International of Britain and Ireland**.

Rotary's objectives and principles are :-

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions;
- Service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Our club is overseen by its Council made up of the Chairs of the Club's committees, Secretary and Treasurers.

The Club's committees are

- Club Service - responsible for running the club.
- Community Service – dealing with service to the local community
- Fund-raising – primarily focussed on our major fundraising event, Walk the Test Way.
- Youth Opportunities - focussed on our work with young people around Romsey
- International – dealing with our international giving and including our partnership with Dentaidd to produce the Rotary Dentaidd Box.
- Foundation - **Rotary Foundation** is Rotary's own charity and deals with such global projects as the eradication of polio
- Membership - covering recruitment and retention.
- Sports and Social

Who's Who (July 2015 to June 2016)

President	Neil Duncan
Senior Vice President	Tony Trowsdale
Junior Vice President	Jon Livingstone
Community Service	Stuart Wineberg
Membership	Colin Staples
Youth Opportunities	Steve Irish
Fundraising	Greg Hall
International	Philip Kirkland
Rotary Foundation	Tony Trowsdale
Sports and Social	Tony Abbott
Publicity	Neill Beasley
Business Partners	John Gould
Hon Secretary	Roger Shepherd
Trust Fund Treasurer	John Jones
Club Treasurer	Paul Grainger

Rotary shoeboxes From Romsey and from Wessex



Each year our club collects shoeboxes, filled with presents

for disadvantaged children in the Balkans and the Philippines. This year we collected almost 150, the majority coming from the children in Wellow Primary School. These were added to boxes collected by the other clubs in the Rotary Wessex District. These totalled a staggering **26,957 boxes**, From a warehouse in Andover they were sent on their way to Albania (8,185), Moldova (6,445), Montenegro (6,433) and the Philippines (5894) during November and early December.

In the beginning....

At our Christmas dinner our founder president, Gordon Rogers, (see here, left) was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of the many things he did to establish the club 25 years ago and to maintain it since.



In January he spoke to the club with a title "In the beginning" to remind us of the origins of Rotary with the foundation of the first club in Chicago, USA by Paul Harris on 23 February 1905.

Since then Rotary has grown to an international organisation with 1.2 million members in Clubs in almost 200 countries. It was a major player in the establishment of UNESCO in 1945, it is very close to eradicating polio, it funds Rotary Peace scholars who train in conflict resolution. Most of all, Rotary clubs like ours help to organise events and alleviate need in their local communities - and the members have a great deal of fun and fellowship as well!

Diary

Meetings are normally in Romsey Town Hall 19.00 for 1930			
First Wednesday each month is a Business Meeting.			
Other events are highlighted in Yellow . Major events in bold			
Date	Speaker topic or event	Speaker/organiser	Venue
Wed 3 Feb	Business Meeting		
Wed 10 Feb	The Yeomen of the Guard	Alan Saunders	
Wed 10 Feb	Youth Speaks area heats		Test Valley School
Sat 13 Feb	Young Musician	Bill Gidley	Mountbatten School
Wed 17 Feb	Laurie McMenemy	David Sutton	Blue Hayes Restaurant
Tue 23 Feb	Ghost walk around Romsey		
Wed 24 Feb	Discussion of future shape of WTTW	Greg Hall	
Wed 2 Mar	Business Meeting		
Wed 2 Mar	Rotary Young Technologist	Martin Harman	Crosfield Hall
Wed 9 Mar	"If I told you more, I'd then have to kill you..."	Bryan Rickett	
Sat 12 Mar	Reminiscences of Romsey	Jon Livingstone	Crosfield Hall
Wed 16 Mar	Osteoporosis		
Wed 23 Mar	Two sinners and a saint	Roy Perry	
Wed 30 Mar	An icon destroyed	John Burgess	
Wed 6 Apr	Business Meeting		
Wed 13 Apr	TBC		
Wed 20 Apr	Hearing Matters	Susie McCallum	
Wed 27 Apr	Cuba. A Medical Students Perspective	Tom Talbot	
Sun 19 Jun	Rotary Bike Ride for Prostate Cancer	Details TBC	
Sun 3 Jul	Mayors Picnic	Peter Stuckey	Romsey Memorial Park
Sun 9 Oct	Walk the Test Way	The Walk Team	