



Rotary Club of Canterbury

President: Geoff Goodban
President Elect: Viv Pritchard

Programme for April 2014

- 1st Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30 for 1pm
Business meeting
Stewards: Sharon Jordan and Richard Kemball-Cook
- 8th Tuesday Supper meeting at **Abbots Barton**, 7-7.30pm
Speaker: Margaret Ovenden: "Stories from my Life"
Host:
Stewards: Peer Le Fleming and Tony Loughran
- 15th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: The Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Cllr. Heather Taylor & the Lady Mayoress : "My Year"
Host:
Stewards: David Lewis and Marjorie Lyle
- 22nd Tuesday Lunch meeting at **Abbots Barton**, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: Laura Kennedy: "Action on Hearing Loss"
Host:
Stewards: Colin McKone and Alan Mepstead
- 26th Saturday *District Assembly, Snodland*
- 29th Tuesday Guest Night – 6.30 for 7pm, at **Abbots Barton**.
Booking arrangements to be announced shortly.

This Guest Night will be a tribute to our forebears in the First World War. The evening will take the form of a Mess Dinner of the 1st Canterbury Rotary Volunteers with a dress code of Black Tie and Decorations or Mess Kit. The price for this 3 course dinner finishing with 'passing the port' will be £24. Wine during the dinner is not included. John Harris is organizing readings of First World War poetry, Sheila Boyd Howell is talking on the effect of the war on women, Robin Hendy is producing an audio-visual montage of the war and Peter Hermitage is overall producer and arranging sketches and songs of the war.

Future dates

13th-15th June -= Pentangular weekend in St Quentin

28th June – Safari Supper

Rotary News

Bird Watching Visit

16th April

The bird watching visit to Oare marshes planned for 19th February had to be cancelled due to flooding, but it has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 16th April. We hope to see some spring migrants as well as resident birds.

Meeting place is the car park at the end of the road from Oare to Harty Ferry at 10 am. Bring binoculars and a flask of coffee (but bear in mind that there is no toilet at the reserve and it might be dangerous to venture into water-filled ditches).

Lunch will be at 12.30pm at The Three Mariners, Oare (£5 deposit to be collected in advance) – three course meal costs £12.50.

The walk will be led by John Hill and myself. Alan Mepstead has offered to administer it, so please let him know by 31st March if you, and partner, would like to come, and send the deposit.

Alan Forrest

Do remember that contributions to the Food Bank are always welcome, and Bob Anderson is still looking for Tools for Africa.

- **International Committee** have given a grant of £1,000 to the Juba Diocesan Secondary School - it is now a four year project .
- £500 to Aquabox - the committee gets the income from the club's weekly raffle and matches that income with grants to this disaster relief organisation.
- Made a grant of £500 to the Tools for Self Reliance -Canterbury Charity to continue the renovation of second hand tools which are then sent to Africa.
- Grant of £310 and a District Grant to the local Kajokeji Educational Trust to fund an Apprentice Training Programme in the Liwolo region of South Sudan.