



# Rotary Club of Canterbury

**President: Viv Pritchard**  
**President Elect: Peter Hermitage**

## Programme for June 2015

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Club Assembly  
Stewards: Robin Hendy and Peter Hermitage
- 5<sup>th</sup> Friday *Visit to Chatham Dockyard – contact Alan Mepstead*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday *Ascot Day at Highfield House, by kind invitation of Richard and Cora Kembell-Cook. Tickets, including tea, scones, cakes and a glass of bubbly, cost £12 in advance, £15 on the door. Contact Richard for bookings and offers of help.*
- 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evening meeting at the Cricket Ground, 7 for 7.30pm  
Speaker: Margaret Ovenden – Thomas Fowell  
Bruxton and the Anti-Slavery Movement  
Host: Gerald Colson  
Stewards: John Hill and Peter Hodge
- 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Speaker: Charlotte Wyeth – Millennium Scholar  
Host: Leslie Stephenson  
Stewards: Sharon Jordan and Caroline Lees
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Speaker: David Hatcher – Shelterboxes  
Host: Peter Hermitage  
Stewards: Peer Le Fleming and David Lewis

30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Handover meeting  
Stewards: Alan Holmes and Richard Kemball-Cook

### **Future Dates**

11<sup>th</sup> July – Duck Race in Westgate Gardens

### **Rotary News**

#### **Attendance at Meetings**

Members can claim an attendance if they have attended a meeting at another Rotary Club or a committee of this Club. In order to record this attendance, the attendance sheet signed by all members at meetings will have a column added in which these extra attendances can be registered.

Peter Hermitage  
Chairman, Club Service Committee

#### **Table Numbers**

Please remember to take a table number out of the bag when you sign in at a Rotary meeting, and then sit at that table. This ensures that members mix freely with others and enjoy the fellowship that is such an important part of Rotary. Leave the number on the table to be collected at the end of the meeting – please do not take the number home!

#### **International Committee**

The committee has recently given £500 each to the Tools for Self Reliance and Village in Syria charities.

A steering committee, consisting of Margaret Griffin, Robert Boyd-Howell and Tony Pomeroy, has been established to manage the Joint Pentangular Juba Bursary project which runs from April 2017 to March 2019.

Tony Pomeroy

## **Club Website**

Publicising club events and projects is becoming increasingly difficult because there is less space in the local papers and the majority of people now turn to the internet and social media for their news and information. The club is already well prepared to cope with this change not only because it has an established website but it also has a Facebook Page and a Twitter Feed.

As well as publicising events, the club website ([www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk](http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk)) is also actively used as a conduit for the public to contact the club on variety of topics ranging from charitable appeals to membership enquiries via its Contact Page. Dedicated email addresses for the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund ([mstf@rotarycanterbury.org.uk](mailto:mstf@rotarycanterbury.org.uk)) and Innovation Competition ([innovation@rotarycanterbury.org.uk](mailto:innovation@rotarycanterbury.org.uk)) are already in existence and additional, specialist, addresses can be set up as and when a need arises. A dedicated email address can additionally be set to divert automatically to another address. In the case of our two, the Millennium one diverts to Leslie Stephenson and the Innovation one to Brian Dobinson.

Because of the time it takes to set up and test a web page, or dedicated email address, please provide as much warning as possible – ideally at least a month - to Robin Hendy. In the case of Social Media please speak to Martin Ward - but please do not set up new, separate, Facebook or Twitter feeds. Received wisdom is it takes at least 18 months for new social media feeds to take-off so a project will likely be over before a bespoke feed appears on anybody's radar. Better by far to use the already established club feeds and the networks which are already in existence. Martin can instruct committee chairs / project leaders in how to accomplish this very simple task.

## **Martin Ward**

### **May Birthdays by Ian Wright**

The Month of May Rochester keeps  
its annual festival of chimney sweeps  
It also has 2 bank holidays to bring  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, and one that's called Spring  
It also has a number of birthdays that fall  
a total of 6 for me to recall

I shouldn't really need to mention  
that when the Lieutenant Colonel came in you stood to attention

If you didn't you would succumb  
to the action that was to come.  
Army days over he takes a new stance  
earning his keep in higher finance  
ensuring that the organisation moves on  
he works as bursar for St Nick and St John  
I'm sure you now know who this will be  
in case you don't I'll tell you it's Sidney D

It's by cruise ship or ferry that you can go  
when you travel by P and O  
ensuring the safety of passengers and crew  
Is how this man worked hard for you  
In rotary he helps students lives be more sunny  
by administering Millennium Scholarship money  
For his name just have a guess  
If you can't I'll tell you it's Leslie S

The next name up that I can see  
is one who taught science at the Kent Uni  
A city councillor with political flare  
gaining great honours when becoming Lord Mayor  
Now he has decided to call it a day  
at the current elections that are held this May  
I'll not continue to let this rhyme drag  
I'll tell you his name it's Harry Cragg

Next name many will not know  
for these days he rarely makes a show  
I'll try and help you to detect  
by telling you that he's an architect  
Hopefully one day before our eyes  
Andrew Clague will spring us all a surprise

Doctor I have come to you  
My memory's going what can you do ?  
Do not worry at this stage  
It's just a symptom of old age  
If it continues and causes you strife  
I specialised in psychiatry of later life.  
Who could this be of high repute?  
it is the name of our newest recruit  
there's only one more thing for me to say  
Deborah Connolly Happy Birthday

The final name that I am giving  
is someone that managed a bank for his living

A change of career then became a must  
when he became secretary of a Trust  
When he retired he took a great stride  
by crossing the channel to live on that side  
Thankfully he returned in Feb of last year  
Peter Hodge it is good to have you again with us here