



Rotary Club of Canterbury

President: Viv Pritchard
President Elect: Peter Hermitage

Programme for June 2015

- 2nd Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Club Assembly
Stewards: Robin Hendy and Peter Hermitage
- 5th Friday *Visit to Chatham Dockyard – contact Alan Mepstead*
- 7th Sunday *Ascot Day at Highfield House, by kind invitation of Richard and Cora Kemball-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.*
- 9th 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
- 16th 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
- 23rd 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

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

Future Dates

11th 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) 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) and Innovation Competition (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 been 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 1st 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