



# Rotary Club of Canterbury

**President: Peter Hermitage/Martin Ward**  
**President Elect: Martin Ward/Sharon Jordan**

## Programme for June 2016

- 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Club Assembly  
Stewards: Roger Clarke and Deborah Connelly
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evening meeting at the Cricket Club, 7 for 7.30pm  
Speaker: Cliff Grieve will talk on "My Mongolian Adventure in the land of the blue sky"  
Stewards: Harry Cragg and Jake Davies
- 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Speaker: Mr & Mrs Ingrams from SERV will talk on blood runners.  
Stewards: Sidney Denham and Gill Dixon
- 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday *Safari Supper*
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Handover meeting  
Stewards: Brian Dobinson and Rosemary Doyle

## Future Dates

- 2<sup>nd</sup> August Black Tie picnic at Charlton Park

## Rotary News

The Forest of Blean Rotary Club is organising 'Evening with Rosie' at the Westgate Hall, 17<sup>th</sup> June. A flyer has been circulated.

Any member planning to be away for more than three weeks should apply to the Secretary for Leave of Absence. If you are aware that a Rotarian or a member of his/her family is ill, then please let David Lewis know.

Please note when you are Steward, and if you cannot do that date, it is your responsibility to find a substitute.

Martin Ward

### **Speakers' Secretary**

If you have any ideas for Speakers – if you know someone who has done something Members would be interested in, or have heard of a worthwhile charity – please contact Brian Wheeler **by email** to let him know.

### **Birthdays for April**

April as a general rule,  
starts the month off as a fool.  
It also has Birthdays for me to strive,  
to read out this month's total of five.  
I'm sure there will be no mystery,  
when I say that he once taught history.  
Last month on St David's day,  
his daffodil was on display,  
was it that he'd a National claim,  
or was it probably just his name,  
nothing left except to say,  
**Peter Wales** Happy Birthday.

Number two today is someone new,  
on my Birthday list for you,  
In his working life not least,  
he worked with Pharmaceuticals in the Far East.  
I'm now very pleased at this point to say,  
**Charles Evans** for the first time Happy Birthday

Fellow Rotarians I'm not playing games,  
when I talk about someone who possesses two names,  
He watches his sport whenever he can,  
being an ardent Rugger fan,  
He also has to watch all weather alarms,  
so as to protect the crops that he farms,  
the last clue I've really given it away,  
so **Robert Boyd-Howell** Happy Birthday

The boy stood there and felt a flop,  
when told it was a comma, and not a full stop,  
It did not for him get any easier,  
when told to recite from Julius Caesar.

In retirement many gifts to pick,  
especially in the world of music,  
playing the piano and Top Choir Kent,  
clearly shows his obvious talent,  
so on this note let us all say,  
to **John Harris** Happy Birthday

His banking role followed a very strange course,  
he went to work with a black horse,  
where he learnt many skills so well,  
especially the one with ducks to sell ,  
when you see him in full action,  
it really is a star attraction.

On the serious side, he will never fail  
to help with everything in his avail  
I'm sure by now you know the name,  
the last one in this month's hall of fame  
to finish off the name from me  
It's Happy Birthday **Michael T**

## **Birthdays for May**

A warm hello from me today  
as I bring to you birthdays for May  
I have a wide and varied mix  
as I read out to you this month's six  
Just a few short weeks ago  
He did drop in to say hello,  
now once again he's gone away,  
but hopefully he'll return one day ,  
In the meantime I'll just say  
**Andrew Clague** Happy Birthday

Many times he's sailed the world's seven seas  
cruising around relaxed and with ease,  
Lots of places for him to go  
after his retirement from P and O.  
In Rotary he is our Curator  
as the Millennium Scholarship administrator  
He also enjoys tennis, and is now very keen  
in rolling the bowls across the green  
The final words that I wish to say,  
are **Leslie Stephenson** Happy Birthday

If you are travelling to Lüdenscheid,  
be sure to have him right by your side  
He can certainly help out at the end of the day,  
as he's fluent in the words that they say.  
Have a look at our website, and you'll see the face  
of him counting our ducks back after the race  
I'm sure you've guessed the name I portray  
so please say to **Sidney Denham** Happy Birthday

In his working life he was at his best  
when dealing with the finances of the Nat west  
After Nat west work was not over  
he then managed a GP practice in Dover  
He loves his sport, and is a football fan,  
following Portsmouth whenever he can  
as anyone yet guessed his name,  
amongst this month's hall of fame  
well if I tell you it's a name you can't dodge  
you will then know that it's **Peter Hodge**

His two favourite subjects had an unusual alliance  
with Politics and University Science  
He achieved great heights in both along the way,  
before he decided to call it a day  
Now in retirement he walks hill and dell  
so as to help to keep himself well  
At this point I'll conclude or the rhyming will flag,  
and say Happy Birthday to **Harry Cragg**

Doctor, Doctor what can you do  
my memory went right out of the blue  
she replied don't worry, try to be bold  
I'm afraid it's a symptom of growing old.  
Retired from all this, new rôles to devour  
being responsible for our race on the Stour  
She's settled in well and attends most of our meetings  
so to **Deborah Connolly** here are our Birthday Greetings

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