



# Rotary Club of Canterbury

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

## Programme for May 2015

- 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Business Meeting  
Stewards: Sidney Denham and Gill Dixon
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evening meeting at the Cricket Ground, 7 for 7.30pm  
Speaker: Tim Jones – Archive film of Canterbury  
(part 2)  
Stewards: Brian Dobinson and Margaret Griffin
- 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Club AGM  
Stewards: Geoff Goodban and Rosemary Doyle
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday – *Pentangular meeting in Leuven – contact Alastair*  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday *Scott if you would like to attend*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Speaker: David Bahr - Strokes  
Host: David Barton  
Stewards: Alan Forrest and John Harris

### Future Dates

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Visit to Chatham Dockyard, and lunch on a destroyer. Contact Alan Mepstead for further details

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Ascot day at Highfield House, by kind invitation of Richard and Cora Kemball-Cook, 3-6pm, with tea and a glass of bubbly! Prepaid £12, or £15 on the door, in aid of PolioPlus.

## **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**

International has received the approval of its District Grant of £578 for the midwifery project in Ethiopia. The committee is hoping for a matching grant from our own funds.

The committee has the approval of the Rotary Grant of \$2 000 for our contribution to Leuven's joint Pentangular project in the Congo.

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) 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**

### **April Birthdays by Ian Wright**

The first of this month you'll be aware  
Before midday you must take care  
Be on your guard and remain slick  
So as to avoid the all fools trick  
No tricks from me no points to score  
I'd like to share with you April's four

The first one of these is no mystery  
When I tell you that he taught history  
After which he did then  
Join our club in two 0 ten  
Now he is a regular seeker  
Trying to find our weekly speaker  
Happy Birthday now the meeting hails  
To Rotarian Peter Wales

Education seems to be the theme  
As our next name in April's team  
Is one whose post was full of glamour  
As head master at the local grammar  
In Rotary he regularly displays  
His skills on the piano when he plays  
There's also many a time he's spent  
Musically directing Top Choir Kent  
I'm sure you'll join me and want to say  
To John Harris

From the 63 names for me to syphon  
I needed one that had a hyphen  
He also had to possess charm  
As well as working on a farm  
the love of rugby was essential as well  
In order to complete the profile to tell  
I searched long and hard and could not find  
Almost going out of mind  
Nearly throwing in the towel  
Then I found him Robert Boyd Howell

One day at work he looked forlorn  
4 more clients had overdrawn  
Books don't balance he could not sleep  
Counting money instead of sheep  
Now all this is out to grass  
He now plays bowls to county class  
Have you tried to guess his name without much luck  
On the day of the race then buy his duck  
After all this who can it be  
I'm sure you know it's Michael T (*Talbot-Ed*)