



# Rotary Club of Canterbury

**President: Peter Hermitage**  
**President Elect: Martin Ward**  
**Programme for October 2015**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend in St Quentin – contact Stephen Thompson*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30 for 1pm  
Business Meeting  
Stewards: Vic Banks and Andrew Barchi
- 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evening meeting at the Cricket Ground, 7 for 7.30pm  
Speaker: Flt Lt (Rtd) Paddy Langdown – The Last Flying Vulcan  
Stewards: Jacquie Bartlett and David Barton
- 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30 for  
Speaker: Rtn Rosemarie Morton – From Kenya to England – my Life and Job  
Stewards: John Beckett and Ken Beere
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> District Conference, Bournemouth*
- 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Speaker: Malcolm Wells MBE – Canine Partners:  
Opening Doors to Independence  
Stewards: Roger Bickerton and John Bobba

## **Future Dates**

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November - John Ekins concert at St Gregory's centre, CCCU.  
Contact Gill Dixon for details.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner at Darwin College, UoK

## **Rotary News**

### **Club Attendance**

Attendance in August was 50.83%. 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.

Martin Ward

### **Speakers**

If you have any ideas for Speakers - you know someone who has done something Members would be interested in, or have heard of a worthwhile charity – please contact Peter Wales **by email** to let him know. If you think you might have mentioned someone to him in passing, please **email him with the name and contact details of your nominee.**

### **August and September Birthdays from Ian Wright**

The month of August is often the best  
Having more sunshine than most of the rest  
It also has birthdays that come from me,  
but for this month there are only three.  
The first one I bring is with warmth and feeling,  
to someone who spent his life in milk dealing  
Now due to frailty he needs regular care  
but still has many Rotary memories to share  
I'll now give us a name to remember  
It's Ted Abbott our latest Honorary member  
He has sold many a piano, trumpet and flute  
To customers with a high repute  
In more recent years he carried the weight  
Of managing the K and C hospital fete  
Now he lives the retirement dream  
by residing close to the home of Shephard Neame

I'm sure by now that you all know  
It's birthday time for Roddy Tyndale- Biscoe  
Next one up who can it be  
Who worked so hard in Health and safety  
She joined the club in two 0 one three  
and now chairs the Child Protection Committee  
I'll share the name now before I forget  
and say Happy Birthday to Jackie Bartlett  
The month of September has a very long list  
Of birthdays that really shouldn't be missed  
In fact it has a total of nine  
Eight I will read to you, the other one's mine  
After retirement a change of career  
Working more closely with wine and beer  
Using his skills that are well spent  
In managing the bar at top choir Kent  
When at home in the lane called Wickham  
which forms part of the village of Ickham  
He can think about food research, and what used to be  
and we'll say happy birthday Alan Holmes OBE  
The next one makes it hard for me  
as he is a member we rarely see  
He appeared just once in the past year  
Just don't know when he'll next be here  
In the meantime we'll just say  
To Mike Bridgeford Happy Birthday  
The third one down the September line  
Is a Rotarian who regularly donates us wine  
For the 100 club he recently asked how he did  
and was told that he had just won 100 quid  
There's more information I bring to the fore  
He's also a member of our club thirty four  
Have you yet worked out the name of this man  
If not I will tell you it's Geoffrey Goodban  
Number four that I bring to you today  
Is a Rotarian that came from the U S of A  
He's now settled with us, and cut a dash  
by taking the chair for raising the cash  
I'm sure by now you have worked out  
It's Mark Rosen that I'm talking about  
The next one to set the wheels in motion  
Is a Rotarian that sailed the Antarctic Ocean  
On his way penguins and whales he did spot  
following behind the explorer Scott  
Now back on land he can renew his  
role of assistant to treasurer Lewis  
I'm sure from this you'll make no mistake  
By saying Happy Birthday to Rotarian Jake  
He joined the club 3 years ago  
And he's number 6 in this month's show

It's an easy name for you to check  
When I tell you he once was a chartered sec  
If I also tell you next year he will be  
once again chair of our VSC  
No more clues now I will instead  
Say happy birthday to Alan Mepstead  
A Rotarian of many years standing  
carries the charity management banding  
He also ensures that from within  
the ducks are counted both out and in  
Any new member that joins us this year  
Will be mentored and helped by him to settle in here  
Well from all of this who can it be  
It's now time to reveal that it's Robin V  
Evening all was the cry  
In those many years gone by  
Then what followed beyond belief  
He went through the ranks to assistant chief  
After the force we did recently see  
the roles he undertook on his CV  
As well as achieving his retirement wish  
of enjoying the ski slopes and catching the fish  
Does anyone now feel this is suffice  
For him to receive one of his own sugar mice  
So I'll now finish with all good intent  
and say Happy Birthday to our President