



Rotary Club of Canterbury

President: Martin Ward
President Elect: Sharon Jordan

Programme for September 2016

- 2nd Friday *Visit to Richborough – contact Brian Dobinson*
- 6th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: Fred Halligan, Lifelines
Stewards: Alan Mepstead and Nan Miller
- 10th Saturday *Trip on a barge – see over for more details*
- 13th Tuesday Evening meeting at the Cricket Club, 7 for 7.30pm
Speaker: Millennium Scholar Anna Fulcher
Stewards: Rosemarie Morton and Tony Pomeroy
- 18th Sunday *Duck Race in the Westgate Gardens – contact Deborah Connolly*
- 20th Tuesday Lunch meeting at **Canterbury Golf Club**, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: My Job Talk – Mary McGearry
Stewards: Roger Power and Viv Pritchard
- 27th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: Presentation by St Nicholas School
Stewards: Mark Rosen and Alastair Scott

Future Dates

- 29th – 30th October – District Conference in Eastbourne
7-12th November – Assistance to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
12th November – Boxing Night, Westgate Hall
17th December – Christmas Dinner, Darwin College

Rotary News

Any member planning to be away for more than three weeks should apply to the Secretary for Leave of Absence or excused attendance as appropriate.

If you are aware that a Rotarian or a member of his/her family is ill, then please let David Lewis know.

Please note if you have not received an email advising you of the date(s) of when you are required to be a steward, then please check the website programme as this now states “date and venue of next meeting, speaker and stewards”; if you cannot do that date, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. You are also required to advise Rosemary Doyle (newsletter), Robin Hendy (website co-ordinator) and Wendy Jones (Dining Secretary) of the changes.

Martin Ward

Barge Trip

Brian Dobinson is leading a trip on the 1892 barge on 10th September. It starts with a tender transfer out to her summer moorings at Harty Ferry on the Swale. The barge never had an engine, so everything is done under sail or sweep, giving an insight into the way these boats were traditionally worked. Peter Dodds and his wife, Sally, who have owned the barge for over 30 years, show real skill handling the barge. These barges were the lorries of their day, and tremendously versatile – with their lee-boards raised, they drew only a foot or two, and could be taken up tiny creeks, usually to load agricultural produce. With the boards down, they drew about 9 feet, and could sail the coastal seas in quite strong winds. With their gaff rigs which could be raised up, they could carry deck cargoes of straw and the like. With their big sail area, they were fast – and on the mizzen sail, they could even be sailed backwards for a short distance.

Peter and Sally just do a few trips each year with passengers who are limited to 12 per trip under Board of Trade rules.

Brian Dobinson

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.