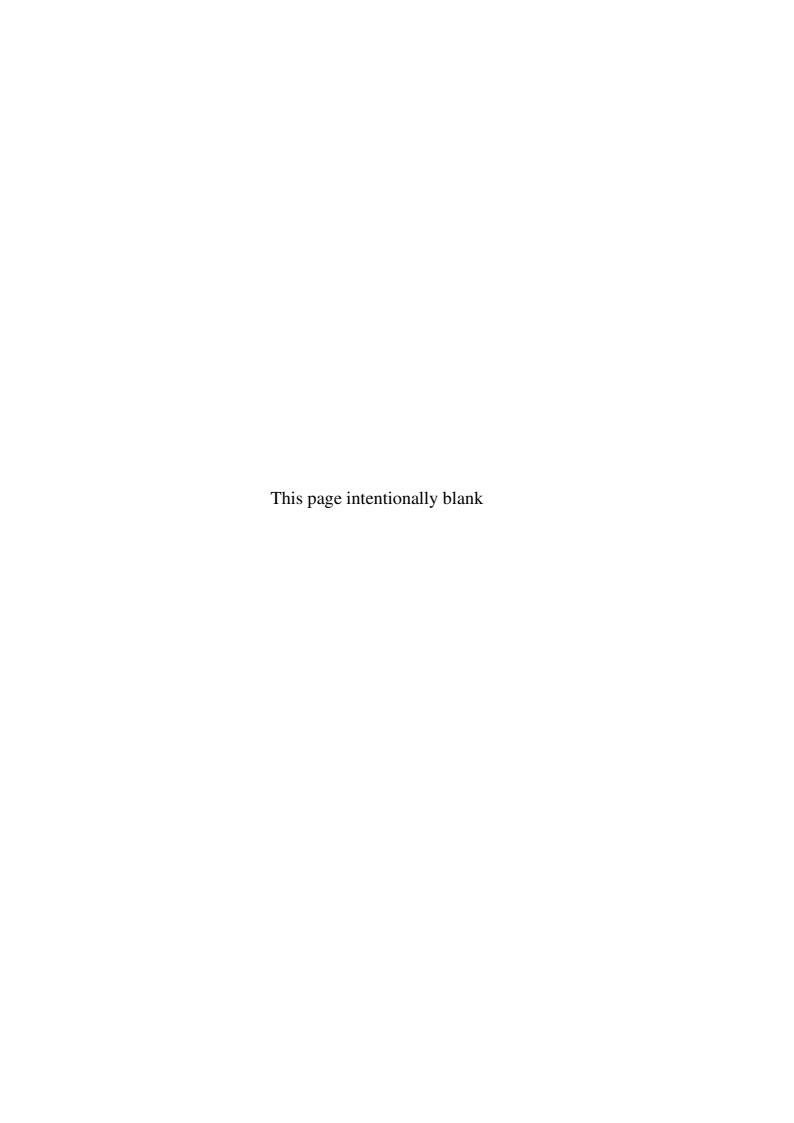
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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2010 – 2011

The ending of this Rotary year is fast approaching and it has been a year of considerable activity.

I said at the start of my year that I wanted the Club to place a little more emphasis on service in the community whilst still recognising the very important need to raise money for charitable purposes. I also said we must have fun.

I am very pleased that in addition to the usual 'know your blood pressure day' the Club organised for the first time three 'Prostate Cancer Awareness' days and a First Aid course for members.

I have been acutely aware of the current economic situation hence the number of 'low cost' social events such as the Vernon Holme supper and film show, the fish and chip supper at the Dominican Priory and the buffet luncheon at my home in the new year. Other social events have included the Christmas dinner and 'The President's Away Weekend' in Christchurch.

Last autumn we enjoyed the hospitality of the St Quentin Club and we now look forward to this year's Pentangular in Lüdenscheid.

Despite the fun, we have had our sad moments. Two of our members, Robin Quarrell and Frank Wood passed away as did two of our guest speakers. Gerry Costa who spoke to the Club in October on Prostate cancer and who was also a great help during the first 'Prostate cancer Awareness Day' and Tony Blake who gave a film show on Old Canterbury during the Vernon Holme evening.

However on a more positive note we were fortunate to welcome Viv Pritchard as a new member and Brian Dobinson as a transfer in from the Rugby Rotary Club. In addition I was very pleased to re-induct Peter Hodge as Peter had inducted me into the Club in 2005.

During the year we developed closer relationships with the other Rotary Clubs in the cluster group, in particular with the Forest of Blean Club. The cocktail party, which was held during the Canterbury Cricket week, was organised by our Club and was attended by members from all the cluster group clubs. There have been a couple of joint social events with the Forest of Blean and we have also combined with the Forest of Blean on two occasions in organising street collections in respect of disasters in Pakistan and Japan.

This year saw the conclusion of the Dodi Papase hospital project in Ghana. Richard Kemball Cook and myself had the honour to make a presentation on behalf of the Club on this project to the annual District 1120 conference. In March Gill Dixon attended the 'handing over ceremony' in Ghana and Gill subsequently gave a very interesting presentation to the Club on her visit to the hospital.

I must now add a few words of thanks. Firstly to all the committees for their hard work during the year. Secondly to all those members to whom I had a few quiet words before the commencement of my year which resulted in their 'volunteering' for jobs as committee chairmen, members of Club Council and for all those other numerous jobs which are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the Club. A huge thank you to the organisers of Top Choir Kent and everyone who assisted. This event involved many months, weeks and hours of hard work and is now recognised as a premier choral event. I must also say thank you for the help given to raise £1,670 for my 'pet charity' the Pilgrims Hospice.

In conclusion, a big thank you to all the Club members for putting up with me during the past year as your President.

Robert Yonge. May 2011

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

The Committee: The President, President Elect, Bob Anderson, Tim Brett, Brian Dobinson, Simon Edridge, Caroline Lees, Tony Loughran, Lewis Norris, Stephen Thompson & Ian Wright.

Two meetings have been held.

Three events have been staged.

A total of approximately £13,800 (still counting) has been earned for the club's local and international charities.

Duck Race 2010 – this was kindly sponsored by Phillip Abbott. The race raised a total of £5,531. Duck sales were £3,440 from private duck sales at £1 each and £2,500 from corporate sponsorships.

As in previous year we are indebted to the East Kent School of Lifesavers who provide the vital safety cover for us.

Each year this event proves to be a valuable contributor to the Club's charity funds. It is low risk, not being susceptible to the weather and has become part of the Canterbury scene. Certainly it gives our Club plenty of exposure to the public. Our thanks must go to all the members of the Club who give up their time; whether they are selling ducks, throwing them in the river, fishing them out afterwards or cleaning them ready for the next year.

Christmas Collections – we must have upset someone very important this year! It was not our year for successful collections. We had immense troubles with organising and then holding on to the supermarket dates. Some were even cancelled on us. As reported in earlier years there is considerable competition for collecting in the supermarkets. Supermarkets now prefer to let "end-user" charities eg. Help for Heroes or Cancer Research, collect for themselves and as a result give them priority. Rotary clubs are seen as middle men and we are pushed to the back of the queue. And then it snowed, the heaviest fall in Kent in an hour since records began! It was not supposed to be our year!

A total sum of £1,341 was collected. Thank you to our valiant collectors – we will try again!

Top Choir Kent 2011 – much has already been said about this outstanding event. As chairman of the fundraising committee I would like to pay tribute to Tim Brett who conceived the idea and to Peter Hermitage and his committee who worked tirelessly throughout the year to deliver the event that we all enjoyed. I should remind you all that the idea for this event was developed by Tim Brett in response to the need by the Fundraising Committee to find an alternative "money earner" to the much challenged Christmas Collections. "Mission accomplished"!

The success of the fundraising committee this year has again been due to the preparedness of each of the committee members to "roll up their sleeves" and help out. On behalf of the club I would like to thank them for the individual parts that they have played.

Finally I would like to thank the club itself for your support. It cannot be done without you! You are part of the fundraising team.

Thank you.

Stephen

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

International has a tradition of supporting the local community and our criteria for assessing requests emphasise this link. We intend to continue to encourage requests for financial assistance from those locally based charities who work overseas on relief or development projects and we try to be pro active in seeking out new charities. One such example this year has been the Ethiopia Midwifery Project part of the Health for All Charity run from the Bridge Surgery and this was a charity we had not helped before.

Another priority has been helping local youngsters at Canterbury Secondary Schools who aim to do voluntary work abroad for a short time doing community or environmental projects and who have been fund raising themselves. We believe that such work can be a life changing experience for a young person so that aspect of our work with the local community will continue.

International believes that the local connection is important but we have always responded quickly to disasters overseas like the Haiti Earthquake. This presidential year we have organised two street collections for disaster relief- for the Pakistan Flood Appeal and for the Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster and one the first occasion we joined forces with the Forest Of Bean Rotary Club and on the second occasion we were joined by Blean, Chestfield and Sunrise Rotary Clubs and Inner Wheel. Our support for Rotary based charities like Shelterbox and Aquabox and also WaterAid will continue because they have always responded quickly and effectively to emergencies across the world.

Tony Pomeroy

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 17th MAY 2011

REPORT OF ENTERTAINMENT SUB COMMITTEE 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

- 1. This year the Entertainment Committee was incorporated into the Dining & Entertainment Committee through which it reported to the Club Service Committee. The D&E Committee report is on a later page.
- 2. On 6th August 2010 a party of 16 attended the Black Tie Gala Night of the Old Stagers at the Gulbenkian Theatre. We picnicked together on the lawns outside the theatre beforehand.
- 3. On 16th October John Sullivan lead a party of 15 to a performance of the Railway Swing Band in the Gulbenkian Theatre. We enjoyed a light meal together in the theatre bar beforehand.
- 4. On 3rd June a party, some of whom will be wearing Dickensian costume, will be visiting Rochester to take part in the Dickens Festival Parade and will join the Rotary Club of Rochester at their Lunch Meeting in the Masonic Hall.

David Barton

REPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

Our activities combined work in the community and the giving of financial help. Of that, we decided to make a number of small contributions and hopefully benefit a larger number of good causes, rather than concentrate on fewer larger donations.

Air Ambulance - fund raising

Mustard Seed Singers- grant for transport

Kids Out - taking group from St Nicholas School to Howletts Zoo Park

Rotary Young Leaders course

Rising Sun Women's Refuge - Christmas Party

Prostate Awareness Campaign

Blood Pressure Awareness Day

Contribution to transport for disabled teenager.

Christmas Dinner for the Homeless

Canterbury Rolling Night Shelter

Hi Kent - lip reading course for the deaf

Friends for Mental Health - money for programmes and loan of barbecues at fete

16th Canterbury Scouts - helping 2 teenagers attend Jamboree

Headway Head Injury Support

Canterbury Umbrella - TV and video

Cathedral Camps - helping and entertaining volunteers working on cathedral

Nicole's Fund – Nicole Dryburgh's Appeal for Teenage Cancer Trust

Mustard Seed Singers – a choir promoting mental health and wellbeing – assistance with transport, banner, recording and music folders

As I have said on several occasions, we are aware as one of the two "spending" committees and the face of Rotary to the public, that without the support of the Fund-raising Committee and the Club generally there would be no funds for us to distribute, so a big THANK YOU to them and everybody who 'shook a bucket' and supported other fund-raising events during the year.

Among the events listed we supported Prostate Awareness, twice, the second time in conjunction with Marks and Spencer, a good commercial connection, and Know Your Blood Pressure Day with help from Boots. The Club rallied round to make those events a success.

My thanks again to the committee for their help, attendance and advice, particularly David Naumann, vice chairman, who set up a lot of the "back office" organisation for our community projects.

John Hill Chairman

REPORT OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

Notwithstanding the remark in the RI Constitution that "Vocational Service is difficult to define and is often referred to as the Forgotten Avenue of Service" and although the VSC not only suffered the loss of a valued member following his resignation from the Club, it did welcome the arrival of a new member, Brian Dobinson, and varied events have been organised throughout this Rotary year in spite of the fact that it has had to function at times without the full complement of its eight members, either through longterm absence abroad or commitments elsewhere.

It began with a flourish on 12 July when Tim Brett arranged an after-hours' visit to **Dover Castle** to view the magnificently refurbished rooms, decorated and furnished as they might have been in the 12th century.

Before leaving the Club, Ian Johnson had organised a guided tour on 12 August of the **Olympic Games site** and surrounding area, former docks and the **Thames Barrier**, and this was well attended.

By popular request, a return visit was made on 4 November to Cadogan Hall where we were once more allowed to be present at the rehearsal of the **English Chamber Orchestra** prior to attending their evening concert.

A very different visit on 10 March was to the **Kent Air Ambulance** site at Marden which was enhanced by the almost theatrical presentation by Dr Natasha Newton, completed by the return from a mission - as though on cue - by the air ambulance as we were about to leave.

All these visits have been followed by a convivial meal and have, according to comments, been enjoyed by all.

The final visit of this Rotary year will be a guided tour given by the Head Archivist, Cressida Williams, of the **Cathedral Archives** on a day when they are normally closed to visitors.

Two visits, on which those organising them had spent considerable time, had to be called off:

- Mike Bridgeford had arranged for several groups of 5 members (the maximum allowed at any one time) to visit the site of the new **Marlowe Theatre** but this was cancelled at the last moment by those in charge of the site;
- the trip to **La Coupole** in France which Leslie Stephenson had meticulously researched and costed was abandoned because of the prohibitive price quoted for the journey.

In addition, the VSC assisted the English-Speaking Union at the **Public-Speaking Competition for Schools** held at the Guildhall on 2 February, where the refreshments provided by the ladies of the Inner Wheel were much appreciated. More recently, during a tour of **Canterbury Prison** by four members of the Committee, various ways in which Rotary might make a contribution were suggested. Finally, discussions are underway with the **Education-Business-Partnership-Kent** with a view to possible collaboration.

My sincere thanks are due to all the members of the Vocational Service Committee who have given me their unfailing support throughout my 2-year term as Chairman. Without it, we could not have achieved all that we did.

Nan Miller

REPORT OF DINING & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

Club dining arrangements

There are ongoing discussions concerning the way forward with the dining arrangements. The Club are very lucky to have a dedicated team whose efforts make the present system work. A special mention for Caroline for her essential contribution despite a busy work schedule.

The team: Caroline Lees (weekly co-ordination of the arrangements); Jake Davies (maintains the attendance records, deals with the banking and produces the dining accounts); Robin Hendy (maintains the computer records and produces the six monthly member statements); Roger Bickerton (negotiates cricket club availability and provides back up support on all issues).

Despite our busy lives there have been a number of well supported events during the year. Thank you to those who have assisted and supported these.

Entertainment (David Barton)

Rochester Dickens Festival and lunch with Rochester Club – if you dress up it is just a bit hot on a sunny day but an enjoyable experience and a good lunch. Give it a go this year and let David know.

Old Stagers and Epilogue at the Gulbenkian a well supported regular feature in the Club calendar but slight changes in the arrangements this summer.

Ladies and Guest evenings (Appreciation to Henry Killender for organising the first two events).

- 31 August 73 attended an evening of nostalgia with the late Tony Blake at Vernon Holme School. Let us hope that his wonderful film archive continues to be available and shown.
- 6 November fish and chips and 'Adventures in the allotment' with Rob Masters at the Dominican Priory (with many thanks to Don and Polly Beerling).
- 22 February Colin Breed entertained 59 of us at the Abbots Barton Hotel with details of Royal Protection in Kent.

Other events

- 4 August the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayor Pat and Barbara Todd joined 133 members and guests from the Rotary Cluster Group in the Lord Mayor's Marquee at the cricket ground for Pimms and an excellent buffet (provided by members of Inner Wheel).
- 14 December Christmas Dinner at Darwin Conference Centre for 120 including 6 Rotary widows and Lord and Lady Carey of Clifton.
- 3 January 61 found their way to the home of the President for a light buffet lunch. Many thanks to Jenny, Robert, and the family for laying this on.

And still to come...

- 31 May 72 have booked for the Ladies and Guest Night at the Howfield Hotel. The Mustard Seed Choir will give a short concert and the speaker is Tom Hart Dyke 'Adventures in Paradise'.
- 25 June Safari Supper is already planned and details will be circulated shortly.

Roger Power

Dining and Entertainment Committee

REPORT OF MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

Registered Charity No. 1075922

To celebrate the Millennium, the Club set up this separate charitable grant aid fund for young adults between the ages of 18 and 25. The aim is assist those young people who wish to give service to an overseas community in need of help, either in a gap year or after further education. We expect the individual to be offering him or herself through a nationally registered charity and normally reside in the Canterbury area. To date, we have helped 41 young people with a total of £19,800 between them.

This year we had talks from 2 who had worked in Mongolia at an Orphanage and I am currently trying to obtain a "slot" for a talk by a girl who taught in India.

At the moment, we are assisting a boy who is working on a Youth Development Project in South Africa, also a newly qualified Doctor who is working in Hospitals in Kenya and Tanzania.

The Accounts for this Fund are handled by the Treasurer and included as a separate item, when he presents the Club Accounts to the Club. As we do not collect monies from the General public to grow this Fund, donations from Members are most welcome. I have a supply of Gift Aid forms!

Leslie Stephenson. Fund Administrator.

REPORT OF FOUNDATION COMMITTEE 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

Foundation Committee continues to bring to our Club the National and International work of Rotary's Charity and we keep a close ear to the District Foundation Committee's programme. This includes the option of hosting Group Study Exchange Teams, this year from Kerala in India, as well as acting as "consorts" to one or more Ambassadorial Scholars sponsored financially by a Rotary Club overseas who have chosen one of our universities in Canterbury for a particular study programme. Past President Mike Bridgeford has for many years been our representative in this task and we are grateful to him for this continuing work and contact with our visitors. This year's Scholar is from North Korea.

2010/2011 has been a year of low fund raising. Our Club Treasurer set a budget at 1 July 2010 to exclude the usual members' contribution of £15 to Foundation under Deed of Gift provisions. We have not so far been able to organise Fund Raising events but have attracted several of our Club members to commence voluntary contributions direct to District under the Sustaining Membership programme. Our Treasurer does have a stock of application forms if required. As Foundation is a registered charity all donations can be made under Gift Aid provisions giving an Income Tax incentive to those who pay Tax at the higher rate.

Foundation Committee are currently researching a scheme offered by Sainsbury's under which local shopping by Club Members at their stores is monitored and for every £1,000 spent a 4% dividend is paid to our Club for the credit of Foundation Committee. If felt appropriate a report will be given to all members for consideration before making any commitment in this respect.

At the beginning of this Rotary year an application was made to District for a grant of \$1,000 to help Westbere Sailing Opportunities meet the cost of renewing buoyancy in its sailing and rescue boats, as well as for personal life jackets. This project which is run by qualified volunteers helps people with mental or physical handicaps to experience the freedom of sailing and attracts up to 1,000 people each year. It is hoped that our Club, through Foundation Committee, might be successful in gaining grant aid and further submissions have been made recently in this respect.

As Chairman, I am grateful to those members of our Club who have served on Foundation Committee this year and for their contribution in keeping the Rotary Club of Canterbury as a recognised major supporter to the Foundation programme in District 1120.

Malcolm Morris, Chairman Foundation Committee

INTERACT REPORT 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

This year Louisa Sahli and Veronica Roberts were joint Presidents and Imogen Ruddock the Secretary. Unfortunately they moved their meeting day to Tuesday which made it difficult for Philip Abbott and myself to attend. Georges Dussart can never attend at lunchtime and has not participated this year.

Unfortunately the Autumn term activities, after a slow start, were hit by the snowy weather when three fundraisers at school events were cancelled. The Spring term saw some Valentine's Day sales in conjunction with Simon Langton Boys. The approaching examination season has further shortened the Summer term and only one new leader has been chosen by the group, Jessica Korzeniowska for 2011-12. Attendance this year has averaged 10.

Although totals were not on the scale of the last two years, the girls decided to allocate some of their reserves to this year's totals and to honour two of last year's promises. Therefore £300 has gone to the Nepalese Circus Children's Ester Baring Trust and £500 to Bliss, a premature babies' charity. This year's charities were:

• Help the Heroes £400

• Polio Plus £380

• Royal School for the Deaf, Margate £370

During the Spring term I was laid up with my broken limbs and Philip attended when he could. Since my sight is now deteriorating rapidly, I should like to move over to a more supporting role to a new Rotary member. My sincere thanks to Philip Abbott and my good wishes to this year's incumbents in a difficult year.

Marjorie Lyle

10 May 2011

CANTERBURY & DISTRICT RECORDER 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

The Talking Newspaper for this area, The Canterbury and District Recorder, continues to provide weekly local news, courtesy of the Kentish Gazette, to anybody who is 'sighted impaired' or 'severely sighted impaired', to use the approved terminology.

Our recording studio continues to be sited in the bowels of the Salvation Army Citadel (thanks to Major Chris Sands) and this year we have completed our refit with new digital equipment. The newspaper is posted out (at no charge) on memory sticks to just under one hundred listeners each week on Friday.

On recording day you will find our team assembled at the studio. Three volunteer readers, under the control of the duty editor, will read the news into three microphones, each connected to the computer. At the computer, a volunteer engineer controls the signal from the microphones, through headphones, and ensures it is of optimum quality.

Once recording is completed the sound is duplicated on to one hundred memory sticks and dispatched to our listeners via the Royal Mail. Occasionally magazine items are added to maintain the listeners' interest. Items included may be for example, Christmas messages from the Archbishop and the Lord Mayor and recordings of music from the Salvation Army Band or interviews with local people of interest. In addition we add on information of concern to those with sight impairments provided by Kent Association for the Blind.

There are always openings for sympathetic people to join us as readers, or as trainee engineers. We are currently in need of an auditor for our accounts at year end in May 2012. The commitment for volunteers is not onerous as we maintain a rota for both readers and engineers, but our overall commitment is ongoing and on a weekly basis throughout the year. Why not come and join us?

Financially, we are supported by donations from listeners, as well as local organisations and we are proud of our independence. If you would like to find out more our AGM at Age Concern in Castle St. is open to all and is held early in May each year.

More details are of course available from your Rotary representative on the committee – Vic Banks.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2010 to 2011 ROTARY YEAR

In a conversation recently a reference was made to "the Club's Finances continuing to be a little shaky" which took me back a bit and made me think. It is fair to say that there was a time not so long ago when our Club's financial strength, although strong in overall asset worth, was not clearly defined into individual committee funds as regards charitable funds collected and as regards our membership residue of funds, used simply to meet our costs of operation. Currently all funds are correctly recorded and reported to Council monthly maintaining that clear responsibility for holding funds for charity under trustee conditions on 6 Bank Accounts and individual asset holdings, and on 2 Bank Accounts only for membership funds.

This report is written at a time just after another huge financial success of the Top Choir 2011 event. I sometimes hear from other club treasurers and presidents comparing notes on how we operate our finances on particular matters. When I learn of concerns that they have on a variety of fronts I get a very warm and good feeling that the work of our Club's Fund Raising Committee ensures that we maintain strong financial reserves to meet our charity responsibilities and expectations.

As regards membership reserves, I readily accept that the Club should not aim to accumulate a vast sum of money which remains dormant on "Club Account" doing no good for our local, national or international requests for assistance. Equally I do not think we should exhaust our membership funds each year but should have sufficient free reserves to meet any contingency or unexpected costs that arise, and they do!

With this policy in mind, a Budget was set at 1 July 2010 to aim for a financial surplus in the current year, and based on current information, I am confident that this will occur. This year's subscription to Club funds has been at the rate of £135. In my submissions to Council recently it has been proposed that the subscription for 2011/2012 be at the rate of £130 to be paid by cheque on 1st July 2011 and that a separate cheque for £15 be paid by each member to our Club under Deed of Gift conditions for our Foundation Funds.

Details of next year's Budget are on a separate schedule and are being circularised. Members should note that we continue to operate on a very low level of overhead costs and that a high proportion of the fees requested have to be allocated to District 1120 and R.I.B.I. levies based on the overall number of members in our Club, over which we have no control.

If members do have questions on our finances currently or on our Budget for the future, please contact me and I will try to help. I do have Sustaining Membership Forms for Foundation for which all details remain entirely confidential.

Alastair Scott, Hon Treasurer, Rotary Club of Canterbury

The Rotary Club of Canterbury

Financial Budget 1st July 2011 - 30th June 2012

		Budget		Expected Actual		Actual Cost
	Y/E	30.06.12	Y/E	30.06.11	Y/E	30.03.10
		£		£		£
R.I.B.I Subscription		3400		3293		3270
District 1120 Subscriptions		1250		1089		975
·	65%	4650	71%	4382	51%	4245
Dining Guests		200		200		251
Members Directories		225		206		382
Webb Site Costs		400		377		2628
Other Overheads		533		223		834
Contingencies		950		600		-
Equipment Replacement		250		150		
		7208	:	6138		8340
Assume 68 Members						
Subscriptions		106		111		94
<u>-</u>		20		20		94 20
Pentangular						
Mini-Group		4		4		4
		130		135		118
Foundation		15		Nil		15