



Rotary Club of Canterbury

President: Harry Cragg

President Elect: Robert Boyd-Howell

Programme for September 2011

- 6th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30–1pm
Business Meeting with the District Governor, Lynn Mitchell
Stewards: Ken Beere and Roger Bickerton
- 13th Tuesday Evening meeting at Howfield Manor, 7-7.30pm
Speaker: Paolo Cuomo – My Story
Host:
Stewards: John Bobba and Gerald Colson
- 20th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30 - 1pm
Speaker: Paul Marsh, HM Prison, Canterbury
Host: Brian Dobinson
Stewards: Roger Clarke and Tim Brett
- 27th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30-1pm
Speaker: Peter Balaam – Report on Palestine
Host:
Stewards: Derek Crabtree and Roddy Tyndale-Biscoe

Future dates

- 7th-9th October St Quentin Rotary Club visit to Canterbury – contact Stephen Thompson for details
- 7th October Rotary Golf Tournament at Lydd – contact John Beckett if you would like to join.
- 28-30th October District Conference at Bournemouth – bookings now open
Contact Colin McKone for details
- 8th November Guest night at the Dominican Priory

Rotary News

Stewards

If an appointed Steward cannot attend a meeting, it that member's duty to find an alternative member in advance of the meeting. The member may arrange to swap the duty for another more suitable date. They must always inform the Stewards' Co-ordinator of that change.

It would be appreciated when Members inform me of an agreed change if they could email me direct, without copying the email to all members on the current Stewards' list. This avoids sending emails to others not directly concerned with the agreed change.

**Colin McKone
Stewards' Co-ordinator**

Club Website

This is an appeal to anybody who wants to see a report of their activities appearing on the Club Website.

1. Minutes of meetings should be in machine-readable format. This means that they should be typed on a word-processor rather than hand-written so that they can be converted into PDF (Portable Document Format) for uploading to the website. They are then easy to upload.

Barry Rice and I are very willing to give training (in the home) to any member who is a minute-taker or Service Committee Chair and would like to learn to upload material. If you've had some training already and have forgotten it, don't be ashamed to phone us for a refresher.

2. For visits and social events, if there are no photographs, it makes the Website entry very 'dry'. Please try to get someone to take photographs, if necessary asking or delegating them BEFORE the event. Almost every mobile phone has a camera on it these days, so if you don't have a decent camera with you, use your MOBILE!

But sending me photographs without any explanatory text is a fairly futile exercise, especially if I wasn't at the function. **Please, please, please** add a couple of paragraphs explaining what is happening in the photos. It doesn't have to be a page of A4 - just keep it simple. There are plenty of examples in the Gallery section of the website (in the drop-down menu beneath the Gallery heading at the top).

3. To my knowledge, there are only about five of us who fairly routinely upload material to the Website: myself (most of the pictures and text including Rosemary Doyle's monthly Newsletter), Barry Rice (who maintains the Club Programme and has created some Gallery entries) and Martin Ward (who created the original website and is qualified to upload anything). I believe that the Archivist and the Secretary have also had some success.

If we don't keep adding fresh material to the website it will rapidly get stale and uninteresting, and will drop down the search list for people who Google "Rotary Club"+Canterbury. The club has voted to spend a considerable sum on functional extensions to the website. This will be wasted unless members use it. For that reason, it needs to be interesting and helpful to use. Please help us to make it so.

Robin Hendy