

Year 1985 - 1986
Sidney H. R. Roe President

Having commenced my Rotary Service in 1974 at Margate and was President elect there in 1980 when I was obliged by the "Residency" rule to transfer to Canterbury it was inevitable that I should become President of that club and this occurred in 1985 when I was honoured to take over from Ken Beere,

With so little experience of the Rotary Club of Canterbury much of what was achieved during my year of office can be attributed to the successful and hard working team of Chairmen and their committees.

Committee Chairmen

Club Service - John Sullivan
Community Service - Alan Goodman
Vocational Service - Jim Shephard.
International Service - John Hill.
Rotaract - John Beckett

Over the years the membership of the Rotary Club of Canterbury had declined to about 50, I therefore made an effort to improve this, eventually finishing the year with about 60 members. At the outset I tried to gain publicity using the opportunity of being husband and wife Presidents of our respective Rotary and Inner Wheel clubs. There were many other articles relating to our club activities published in the local newspaper during the year. My main local objective was to provide defibrillators for the Kent and Canterbury hospital, this was achieved by June 1986. Also many other local and international organizations and good causes were helped during the year.

It was decided that an alternative permanent venue needed to be found for our lunches and although there was some sentimental objection, the club service committee put in much effort before selecting and negotiating to use the cricket ground; The actual move took place during 1986/87.

A large contingent of Rotarians, wives and Rotary Foundation Scholars attended the District 1120 conference in October and a New Years Eve dance was held at the Canterbury College followed by a Port and Cheese party in January, the proceeds from which went to the defibrillator fund.

The Pentangular meeting took place at Ludenscheid attended by some 50 members and partners from Canterbury. It was the year that the German club held a competition to name a bull they had purchased with the "Pentangular fund" for a local care home, they named it "Paul Harris". Canterbury were once again awarded the "Attendance" Clock for the most attendees The whole visit was video's and the edited film viewed by 36 of the participants at my home later in June

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