



Rotary Club of Canterbury

President: Viv Pritchard
President Elect: Peter Hermitage

Programme for September 2014

- 2nd Tuesday Lunch meeting at **Abbots Barton**, 12.30 for 1pm
Business meeting
Stewards: Ken Beere and Alan Forrest
- 9th Tuesday Supper meeting at the Cricket Ground, 7-7.30pm
Speaker: John Greig – Fund memories
Host: Alan Forrest
Stewards: John Bobba and Martin Edwards
- 16th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: John Clayton, Hi Kent – Hearing Help for the Deaf
Host: David Barton
Stewards: Roger Bickerton
- 17th *We'day* *Visit to Down House – contact Nan Miller*
- 23rd Tuesday Lunch meeting at **Abbots Barton**, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: tbc
Stewards: Robert Boyd-Howell and Rosemary Doyle
- 30th Tuesday Guest night – 7-7.30pm at the Cricket Club
See below for details

Future dates

24th -26th October – District Conference in Eastbourne.

The President would like as many Rotarians as possible to join him at Eastbourne for a President's weekend away. Contact the Conference Officer, Nan Miller, for further details.

28th March 2015 – Top Choir Kent – please put this date in your diaries!

Rotary News

Guest Night – 30th September

Richard Kemball-Cook writes: ‘Over 30 years ago Richard found in his grandmother’s effects a bundle of some 80 love letters from a US Infantry Colonel dating from June 1944 to 1948. It was only 3 years ago that he could bring himself to open up the bundle and he found an eyewitness account of the Utah beach landings, the Battle for Normandy, working with Eisenhower in SHAEF, visits to the concentration camps and the denazification of Germany.

Richard will be presenting just 20 letters from the US Colonel dated from 4 June through to 28 July 1944, mostly written during a break in the battle describing how he lands on Utah Beach, leads the 315th Regiment north through the Bocage, takes Cherbourg and then turns south. The tales he recounts are of military legend: at times he was taking 2000 prisoners a day!

Richard will be describing the events of each day from D-Day onwards with slides and photographs. Mark Rosen will be reading excerpts from the almost daily letters. The letters change as the battle intensifies, the Regiment takes casualties and the Colonel confronts his own demise. There will be two Schiaparelli dresses on display.’

International Committee

International had publicity in the South East Rotary Magazine recently with our support for girl’s education in South Sudan – expressing the importance of Rotary funding to enable girls to continue with their education. It also mentioned the forthcoming Joint Pentangular Project in Juba which starts next year. A separate item mentioned our District Grant for the Apprentice Training Course with the Kajojeji Educational Trust.

International is supporting a local youngster to enable him to go to Japan for a world-wide meeting of the Scouting Movement. He fundraised three-quarters of his overall costs and we agreed to our usual £250.

Tony Pomeroy
Chairman

Bob Anderson is still looking for **Tools for Africa** – this can also include gardening tools, plus dressmaking equipment, such as sewing machines, zips and buttons.