



# Rotary Club of Canterbury

**President: Martin Ward**  
**President Elect: Sharon Jordan**

## Programme for September 2016

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

- 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – District Conference in Eastbourne  
7-12<sup>th</sup> November – Assistance to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
12<sup>th</sup> November – Boxing Night, Westgate Hall  
17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.