

**ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY.**  
**VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> July at the Cricket Ground

**Present.** Alan Mepstead, Leslie Stephenson, Brian Dobinson, Mike Talbot, Nan Miller, John Beckett  
**Apologies.** Tim Brett, Ian Wright.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 21<sup>st</sup> June were approved. All matters arising are on the agenda
2. **Innovation competition 2016.** BD reported that this year's competition was very successful and it was agreed that he was to be congratulated and thanked for all his hard work. He has started on next year's competition and so far contacted 8/9 schools. Simon Edridge has agreed to do the poster.
3. **Youth Exchange in Rotary.** BD has still heard nothing further from District on this.
4. **Programme for next year.**
  - This Thursday AM is attending the cluster group meeting along with the President. He will promote the innovation competition along with the idea of pooling resources for the five Rotary district competitions in the next year. We now have the dates for these
  - Innovation competition. See above minute.
  - As previously reported we will run Youth Speaks and seek to be involved with Big Sing and the ESU Schools Public speaking Competition
  - Schools reading assistance project. NM has contacted a number of schools and received a particularly enthusiastic response from St John's Primary. She has arranged to go and visit.
  - The result of the referendum means that it is ever more important to engage our local school children with those of Europe. BD has spoken with the President and it was agreed that we should look to do this primarily with the Pentangular clubs
  - Interact – We have received an enquiry (unsolicited) from Spires Academy to form an Interact Club. AM will respond and together with BD go and talk with them next term.
5. **Events.**
  - **Richborough Fort.** BD now has 29 names for this. As far as we know there will be no cost for this other than providing Lunch for David Birmingham and his wife. 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
  - **Town Hall Fordwich.** Deborah is kindly organising this. Date is 18<sup>th</sup> August. Visit to Fordwich Town hall and perhaps the Church. Lunch at the George & Dragon, preceded by a walk. 14 people attending so far
  - **Chapel Down.** AM is organising a trip to Chapel Down Vineyard in October combined with a visit to Small Hythe Place which was the home of the Victorian Actress Dame Ellen Terry. Date is 6<sup>th</sup> October. Cost is £13 or £7.30 for National Trust members. Optional lunch at the Swan restaurant £17 or members can make their own arrangement, 30 people so far mostly opting for lunch
  - **Graham Clarke** is a local artist and it was suggested that it would be interesting to arrange a trip to see how an artist works. NM agreed to look into this.
6. **Fracking debate.** Suggested that we book a room at Christchurch and invite students of the University and members of all the cluster clubs.
7. **Any other Business.** LS pointed out that the Vocational Services page on the Website is out of date. AM agreed to look at this.
8. **Date of next meeting.** 6<sup>th</sup> September 11.45 (NB no August meeting)