

Dining & Entertainment Committee

Minutes of Meeting held at 11am on 21st January 2014.

Present: David Barton (Chair), Robin Vickers, Robin Hendy, Gill Dixon (minutes), Robert Boyd Howell.

Apologies: John Harris, Peter Hermitage, Martin Edwards, Viv Pritchard, Sharon Jordan.

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 26th November were agreed.

2. No Matters arising.

3. Christmas Dinner Review. Robert Boyd Howell. He felt the evening had gone very well and was happy to run the event again this year with a few additional thoughts: maybe try a new way of seating next time, but keep to method of Rotarians choosing complete table of friends or groups making up individual tables: maybe have only one collection, i.e. either collection envelopes or raffle, not both. The background music was not a success as could not be heard, so maybe keep to an entertainment slot. He thanked Robin Hendy for his input and said that as the Darwin dining staff laid up and decorated the tables so well it made organising the event very easy.

4. Dining Secretary's Report. Sharon Jordan was not present so not given.

5. Speakers Steward's Report. Peter Wales. He gave a run down of today's and future speakers until late February at the Rotary meals. Today, Tuesday, at Abbots Barton Hotel, the speaker will be Simon Dolby, ex Manager of Kentish Gazette discussing their Charities. Next week 28th January, the speaker will be Ross Shimmon talking about Colonel Holman Stevens, an expert on the subject of Railways. 11th February, the speaker will be Dr John Colman, talking on the Battle of Britain--- he has special knowledge on Spitfires. 18th February the speaker will be Dr Mike Vaile speaking on Water Aid. These and future dates will be posted on the Rotary web site.

The subject of extra Business meetings to be discussed more fully at a future date--- need a long lead - in time, with the Council being well aware well ahead.

6. Report on Event Management System. Robin Hendy. No change.

7. Not discussed.

8. Rotary Widows Update. Robert Boyd Howell. Not discussed.

9. a. Philharmonia Orchestra Concert 21st March in the Marlowe Theatre. Peter Wales. He will launch the event today at Rotary lunch and will send an email to all re the programme. Seat prices and positions for the less able are to be sorted out and details will go on the Web site.

Cheques for tickets are to be sent individually to Rotary Club of Canterbury---- Alastair Scott will pay the total amount.

b. Brick Lane Music Hall 8th May Update. Robin Hendy. He said an email will be going out today and that a provisional booking has been made for 38 people. He will read out details at Club meal.

c. Old Stagers. Chairman David Barton and the committee members felt that the play had not been good last year and that maybe it was time to drop this particular event. However, maybe we could replace it with a different event, possibly using the J.E. Colyer Ferguson Hall at the University still with the Picnic element.

d. Rochester Dickens Festival 30th May to 1st June 2014. Members generally felt not so popular now. People could still make their own arrangements if they want to attend.

10. Ladies and Guest Night 29th April 2014. The Great War Centenary Dinner-- at Abbots Barton Hotel. David Barton. Members discussed various possibilities : devote an hour to entertainment ,comprising short sketch,poetry readings,Sheila Boyd Howell talking about role of women in the 1st World War.? Playing well known music of the period: use of a big screen to portray tanks and similar,possibly display Plaque to Mickey Mannooh first man to get V C, and came from Kent. He was also awarded the D S O and is buried here in the Cathedral. We also wondered if the Officers said a special Army Grace. To ask Major Rogerson in the Forest of Blean Club. Decision to have further meeting ? at K&C Club on Tuesday 4th February at 10.30.

11. Safari Supper 28th June 2014. Robert Boyd Howell. Would like to commence the event from the Kent and Canterbury Club.

12. Secondary venue for Club meetings. Keep to Abbots Barton for time being. Possibly look for elsewhere for next year.

13. A O B. Gilbert and Sullivan Gala. Thursday 31st July 2014. Part of the Friends of Canterbury Festival. To be held at Mount Ephraim, Hernhill, Faversham. Chairman David Barton will circulate the details.

14. Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th February at 10.30 hours at Kent & Canterbury Club, which will be devoted solely to the Great War Centenary Dinner on 29th April.