

Dining & Entertainment Committee

Minutes of Meeting held at 6.00pm on 6th March 2014.

Present: PP David Barton (Chairman), President Elect Viv Pritchard, Robin Hendy, Sharon Jordan, PP Robin Vickers.

Apologies: Gill Dixon, Peter Wales.

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 21st January were agreed.

2. No Matters arising.

3. Dining Secretary's Report. Sharon Jordan advised that dining accounts had been prepared by Roger Power and circulated to members. Payments were being received.

4. Speakers Steward's Report. A list of speakers for the month of March had been circulated in advance by Peter Wales.

5. Alternative venue for Club meetings now confirmed as Abbots Barton Hotel with a cost to members of £15 for two course meal and £20 for three courses when applicable. This is now on the website and will be included in a forthcoming newsletter.

6. Ladies and Guests Night 29th April. The working party under Peter Hermitage's leadership was making good progress on this. The event is now on the Event Manager and will be at 6.30 for 7.00pm at The Abbots Barton Hotel. Management there had agreed to the presence of a bugler and to community singing. The cost will be £24 per head including port for which the hotel wishes to charge £17 per bottle corkage. Sharon Jordan will negotiate the menu and a better deal on the Port. It was agreed to ask club members to check their stocks and provide the port if available. Members will need to pay in advance and the cut off date for booking will be 22nd April. Rotary widows need to be invited to come at their own expense.

7. Philharmonia Concert at The Marlowe 21st March. Peter Wales has made a block booking for Club members and others have made their own bookings. Peter cannot be present but has made arrangements for an interval drinks reception for Members and their guests which will be by Robin Hendy.

8. The visit to the Brick Lane Music Hall on the 8th May had been cancelled due to lack of interest.

9. Cameo Opera evening 31st July. This event in the Grand Hall at Mount Ephraim is being organized by the Friends of the Canterbury Festival. The President Elect is nominating the evening as a Ladies and Guest night instead of a meeting in the 29th July. Booking for Friends opens on the 11th March. A Flyer is available and Robin Hendy will prepare a Board for circulation at the next Club Meeting. A cut off booking date of 30th April was suggested with payment being collected from Members in advance. The Chairman would investigate the possibility of a block reservation pending final numbers.

10. The President Elect proposed that a **Piano Recital by John Paul Ekins** (recommended by Gill Dixon) be held on the 16th August in St Gregory's Music Centre at CCCU. It was proposed that part of the ticket proceeds would go towards the CCCU music scholarship fund and on this basis there would be no charge for the use of the facilities. The musician would charge £300 plus £50 expenses. It was hoped that CCCU might provide supporting student artistes. It was hoped to be able to provide canapés and wine beforehand and a possible ticket price would be £15. A subcommittee consisting of Robert Boyd Howell and Gill Dixon will organize this event for the committee.

11. The President Elect advised that **Ladies and Guests Nights for the next Rotary Year** would be 30th September 2014, 31st March 2015 and 30th June 2015. The President Elect had a possible idea in mind for the September evening and hoped that for the March evening the Club would support whatever celebrations the Inner Wheel Club arrange for their 90th Anniversary. The President Elect was also working up plans for the entertainment at the Christmas Dinner in December.

12. There was no **Other Business**.

13. It was agreed to set a **Date for a future meeting** when items discussed as above were clarified and required discussion.

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