



# Rotary Club of Canterbury

**President: Peter Hermitage**  
**President Elect: Martin Ward**  
**Programme for August 2015**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at Abbots Barton, 12.30 for 1pm  
Business Meeting  
Stewards: Viv Pritchard and Mark Rosen
- 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday **6 pm Meetings of Community Services,  
International and Vocational Services  
Committees** followed by  
Evening meeting at Birleys, Kings School Sports  
Pavilion, St Stephens, 7 for 7.30pm  
Speakers: Millennium Scholars Katie Washington  
and Ms S O'Rourke  
Host: Leslie Stephenson  
Stewards: Alastair Scott and Stephen Thompson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Speaker: Sarah Marsh, Teens Unite to Fight Cancer  
Host: Martin Ward  
Stewards: Leslie Stephenson and Mike Talbot
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wed'day Club Service, 6.30pm, Kent & Canterbury Club
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -  
30<sup>th</sup> August *Mini Group Study Exchange in St Quentin.  
Organised by Alastair Scott*
- 25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm  
Speaker: TBC  
Host:  
Stewards: Robin Vickers and Peter Wales  
**Club Council**

## **Future Dates**

1<sup>st</sup> September – Business meeting attended by District Governor Nominee Peter West

Duck Race – postponed until Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

29<sup>th</sup> September – Guest Night. See below for details.

### **Rotary News**

#### **Guest Night – 29<sup>th</sup> September**

To celebrate peace in 1945, we will be holding a black tie dinner at the Mess of the Defence Fire and Training Development Centre, Manston. This will include music from the Swing Time Sweethearts who have performed in their WRAF uniforms at places like Buckingham Palace and St James' Palace, together with a history of wartime Manston given by the Centre's commanding officer.

### **Speakers**

If you have any ideas for Speakers - you know someone who has done something Members would be interested in, or have heard of a worthwhile charity – please contact Peter Wales **by email** to let him know. If you think you might have mentioned someone to him in passing, please **email him with the name and contact details of your nominee.**

### **International Committee**

#### **Club Website**

Publicising club events and projects is becoming increasingly difficult because there is less space in the local papers and the majority of people now turn to the internet and social media for their news and information. The club is already well prepared to cope with this change not only because it has an established website but it also has a Facebook Page and a Twitter Feed.

As well as publicising events, the club website ([www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk](http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk)) is also actively used as a conduit for the public to contact the club on variety of topics ranging from charitable appeals to membership enquiries via its Contact Page. Dedicated email addresses for the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund ([mstf@rotarycanterbury.org.uk](mailto:mstf@rotarycanterbury.org.uk)) and Innovation Competition ([innovation@rotarycanterbury.org.uk](mailto:innovation@rotarycanterbury.org.uk)) are already in existence and additional, specialist, addresses can be set up as and when a need arises. A dedicated email address can additionally be set to divert automatically to another address. In the case of our two, the Millennium one diverts to Leslie Stephenson and the Innovation one to Brian Dobinson.

Because of the time it takes to set up and test a web page, or dedicated email address, please provide as much warning as possible – ideally at least a month - to Robin Hendy. In the case of Social Media please speak to Martin Ward - but please do not set up new, separate, Facebook or Twitter feeds. Received wisdom is it takes at least 18 months for new social media feeds to take-off so a project will likely be over before a bespoke feed appears on anybody's radar. Better by far to use the already established club feeds and the networks which are already in existence. Martin can instruct committee chairs / project leaders in how to accomplish this very simple task.

## **Martin Ward**

### **July Birthdays by Ian Wright**

The month of July has a special day  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month in the U S of A  
It also has birthdays for me to relate  
and in this month there are a total of eight

This new member who joined in May  
has an early greeting for his birthday  
I'll keep it short and keep it sweet  
and say Brian Wheeler it's your birthday we greet

The next one I share will do all that she can  
to help with education in the Sudan  
She joined the club in two o one two  
what is the name I'm finding for you ?

I'm sure you know from names within  
to say happy birthday to Margaret Griffin

A long serving member I bring to the fore  
to tell you he joined this club in sixty four  
For many years he's been ready to take  
the records of the attendances we make  
quietly spoken sometimes hard to hear  
I'll just make sure you all can **Happy Birthday to Ken Beere**

In early years on the Business trail  
He searched for the finer detail  
now he brings these skills to the fore  
with searching questions by the score  
Over the past 5 years he has spent  
significant time with top choir kent  
more recently we were asked to get  
a caption when 2 leaders met  
There is certainly a great deal more that I could say  
Instead Bob Anderson it's Happy Birthday

In his working life I need to mention  
He professionally managed others pension  
Now in Rotary firmly stead  
he happily manages our sailor Ted  
but before his name that I tell  
You'll need a coin for his wishing well  
when you've found it you won't wait long  
It will reveal the name of Robert Yonge

Prior to retirement he worked hard until then  
at a place that made special tablets for men  
If you're not sure what I mean from this  
then speak to the person whose birthday it is  
another small clue that I have brought  
Is that he regularly worked as a Magistrate in court  
Now in Rotary no boundaries restrict

He is able to get monies from our District  
I'm sure you know now the name I will say  
Tony Pomeroy Happy Birthday

He would insure your home, your life, your car  
His overall deals were better by far  
than the others that the TV show  
pointing the finger at Insure and Go  
Our Rotary club is a great deal richer  
by having its own personal twitcher  
Travelling around through marsh and reed  
hoping to have sight of the rarest breed  
In our club for his involvement across the board  
He was deservedly given the Paul Harris award  
Gussed his name yet if not I will  
say Happy Birthday to John Hill

On his way to work he'd travel  
to the land of sand and gravel  
Building tunnels and motorways too

from the M20 down to the M2.  
Whilst playing golf one day in France  
he led us all a merry dance ,  
He said will they shut the course for me  
I can't go on I've lost my tee.  
On another day with Rog Clarke and me  
we were told of another game you could play with three  
He said It works like this across 3 ways  
I've done it before, and know how it plays  
When at the end we asked how we did  
I've kept the score boys , and you each owe me a quid  
Finally before I forget  
I'll say Happy Birthday to Tim Brett

