



Rotary Club of Canterbury

President: Viv Pritchard

President Elect: Peter Hermitage

Programme for March 2015

- 3rd Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Special Business Meeting for prospective members
Stewards: Bob Anderson and John Beckett
- 10th Tuesday Evening meeting at the Cricket Ground, 7 for 7.30pm
Speaker: Mike Inkster and James Duff from
Catching Lives
Host: Peter Wales
Stewards: Andrew Barchi and Ken Beere
- 17th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: Richard Davies: The Pilgrims Hospice
Host: Peter Wales
Stewards: Vic Banks and Roger Bickerton
- 24th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: Jamie Clifford: Kent County Cricket Club
Host: Robert Yonge
Stewards: John Bobba and David Barton
- 31st Tuesday Guest evening and celebration of 90th Birthday of
Inner Wheel
Speaker: Richard Goodenough: Gardens of the
Impressionists
Stewards: Jacquie Bartlett and Robert Boyd Howell
- 28th Saturday *Top Choir Kent – see next page for full details of the
concert and preceding champagne reception*

Top Choir Kent – champagne reception and concert Saturday, 28th March

This year's Top Choir Kent has a slightly different format from previous years. It will not be a competition, but rather a celebration of choral singing. Seven choirs will be taking part, including winners from previous years, so the standard should be extremely high. One innovation is some audience participation 'helping' to mark the 50th anniversary of the Beatles Help album.

Tickets now available from Stephen Thompson, so get in quick for this popular event!

As a prelude to the concert, the Club will be holding a **champagne reception** in the School Room, beside the Mint Yard Gate, costing a mere £10. The tickets for this will go quickly, so if you would like to attend, please drop an email to Peter Hermitage as soon as possible.

Future Dates

Tuesday, 14th April - Concert at Cadogan Hall, 7.30pm, including rehearsal if wished at 3pm. Contact Nan Miller for further details.

Sunday, 19th April – Bike ride organised by Chestfield Rotary Club in aid of Air Ambulance. Contact Brian Dobinson or the President if you would like to take part.

Tuesday, 12th May – Inner Wheel visit to Valloires in Northern France to visit beautiful gardens. Contact Pauline Pritchard if you would like to join in.

Rotary News

The Business Meeting on 3rd March will be an introductory meeting for potential new members.

Please invite any friends/acquaintances who you think would enjoy being Rotarians. There will be brief presentations by committees on their work to inform guests on what being a Rotarian involves.

International Committee

The committee has given £500 to Aquabox from the raffle held weekly. A steering group has been set up to manage the Joint Pentangular Project in South Sudan, consisting of Margaret Griffin, Robert Boyd Howell and Tony Pomeroy. The project will cost \$40 000.

Attendance at Meetings

Members can claim an attendance if they have attended a meeting at another Rotary Club or a committee of this Club. In order to record this attendance, the attendance sheet signed by all members at meetings will have a column added in which these extra attendances can be registered.

Peter Hermitage
Chairman, Club Service Committee

Table Numbers

Please remember to take a table number out of the bag when you sign in at a Rotary meeting, and then sit at that table. This ensures that members mix freely with others and enjoy the fellowship that is such an important part of Rotary. Leave the number on the table to be collected at the end of the meeting – please do not take the number home!

Attendance

The attendance figures for November last year were 65.45%, and for December 64.88%. From July to December last year, 45 members – 72.5% of the Club - achieved over 50% attendance.

Ken Beere

Summary of January Club Council meeting

For more details, see minutes posted on the website

1. Role of Awards Committee – present arrangements to continue but process of recommending awards to be clarified in discussion between the President Elect and the committee
2. Presentations of RI certificates to mark 50 years in Rotary made to Ken Beere and David Naumann.
3. Club archives refurbished at cost of £75. Urgently need to find an alternative storage area for the archives and Members are asked to come up with ideas.
4. Club's allocation of the surplus from the Railway Swing Band concert paid to the Lord Mayor's Christmas Fund
5. Former Interact Club at SLGS – correspondence between President and Chair of Governors has revealed a misunderstanding which the President is endeavouring to resolve.
6. Millennium Scholarship Fund – report considered and it was agreed that Secretary would contact Girlings regarding original copies of the Trust Deed. Also agreed that formal meetings of the Trustees must be minuted and this must apply at least to an Annual General Meeting.
7. Wishing Well - It was resolved that the Club proceed with the purchase in principle, at a price of approximately £1350, subject first, to the monies required being funded in

an acceptable way out of members' funds and, secondly, to at least 2 suitable sites being first made available.

8. Membership – the Chairman of the Membership Committee confirmed that there is no rule to bar spouses of existing members from being eligible to join.
9. Publicity for events which have no connection with Rotary will not normally be allowed at Club Meetings, except in special circumstances and only with the express permission of the President.
10. The total sum raised by Sailor Ted this year is £470.
11. Noted that Sharon Jordan has agreed for her name to be put forward for 2nd Vice-President.

The month of Feb is somewhat queer
It has an extra day every 4th year
It also has shrove Tuesday when you can
Cook your pancakes in the pan
It also has 7 birthdays which I can view
Which I am now going to share with you

The first one I note from all of this
Is someone providing an Accountancy service
Its important to provide him with all the facts
So that he can accurately work out your tax .
When much younger he did revel
In playing Rugged at a very high level
In recent years on the sporting scene
He plays golf to a handicap of thirteen
As you can hear he's a sporting hit
Is he competitive? just a bit
I'll no longer keep you in the dark
I'll reveal his name it's Roger Clarke

For several years he helped to forge
Very close ties with Archbishop George
More recently he did aspire
To receive an award of a Paul Harris sapphire
There is just one more thing for me to say
David Naumann happy birthday

Doctor what is this op all about
Please don't worry I'll be putting you out
What i'll be doing to stop any pain
Is putting a needle into your vein

If I'm questioned I will not shrug
But will make sure I give you the right drug
When it's over and you're pulling through
You can sing to John Bobba Happy Birthday to you

Number 4 this month I bring to you
Is a Rotarian that wants the size of your shoe
He'll measure you up and then will try
To find a pair for you to buy
He's been in Rotary for a very long time
In actual fact years of forty nine
For his commitment and service across the board
In two o seven he was given a Paul Harris award
If your shoes now fit and you want to pay
say happy birthday to Roger Bickerton on the way

When I opened my book and took a peep
I saw a writer and lecturer that earnt her keep
Two 0 seven became a year to remember
When she became our very first lady member
I'll finish this little verse off in style
And say happy birthday to Marjorie Lyle

The next name that comes right to the fore
Is a Rotarian that studied the law
Since Transferring from Rugby a few years ago
He's been actively involved in all things we do
I'm sure that everyone at this meeting
Would like to give Brian Dobinson a birthday greeting

The last name today that I bring to you here
Is one that worked as an engineer
In local government he worked intense
To protect local residents with a sea defence
In retirement he enjoys to ride
His cycle in the countryside
On the golf course he's also keen
playing to a handicap of eighteen
There's no more information for me to give
Except to say Happy Birthday President VIV