

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013

1. **Present:** Nan Miller, Ian Wright, Leslie Stephenson, Roddy Tyndale-Biscoe, Alan Mepstead, Brian Dobinson.
2. **Apologies:** Mike Talbot, Tim Brett.
3. **Matters arising:** Item 4 - NM had heard nothing about the clothes designing and modelling competition since passing details of Canterbury College to St Quentin. She proposed to contact the couple who had mentioned the competition to her to see how matters stood and would, report back to the committee.
4. **Children's public speaking competition:** 5 teams had entered, including 2 from Dover Girls' Grammar and one from SL Boys. Andrew Barchi had carried out voice tests in the room before the contest and ladies of Inner Wheel provided refreshments. BD acted as one of the judges, and a lady member of ESU, who was also a judge, expressed interest in joining Rotary. Team winner was SL school, and their Speaker judged best speaker, although he had read from a very large screen, AM felt the children were courageous, and RTB that the general standard better than the previous year. LS felt the form of the competition poor, and RTB that the venue was daunting. After discussion about an alternative venue in which the Marlowe was mentioned, and it was suggested the manager be invited to a lunch, it was agreed RTB would speak to PH to see if a lecture theatre at Christchurch University could be made available, and would report to the next meeting.
5. **Visit to London Metal Exchange:** all arrangements had been made for the visit 14<sup>th</sup> February, by 20 members. They were all then to visit Lloyds of London also.
6. **Visit to International Criminal Court:** This was to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Pentangular week-end. There had been a very good response from the Club, with around 45 (the maximum number the Court could take) interested. BD had arranged with RBH to visit Leiden the following weekend for a recce.

- 7. Young photographer competition:** RTB reported he had had a meeting with AM and the 2 representatives of each of Forest of Blean and Sunrise. He expected the competition to go public on 1<sup>st</sup> April, and they were agreeing who was to be responsible for contact with the various schools. The other 2 clubs had to obtain their respective Council's consent for expenditure on the prizes (now understood to be £100 per club). This Club's Council had already approved. The entry form remained to be perfected, but the committee emphasised the necessity of portraying the competition as one only - not a separate competition for each club. The debate over the form of the advertisement was still continuing. The possibility of involving Canterbury Cameras was raised.
- 8. Childrens' writing competition:** AM had been in contact with Daren Kearl and felt that the Beaney was taking over the competition. Title chosen by them was "What I like in the Beaney" and they were doing the publicity, but the roundel and reference to the competition being instigated by Rotary, and prizes provided by Rotary and Waterstones retained on publicity. Prizegiving still to be 7<sup>th</sup> September. AM would keep tabs on developments and report to future meetings. Possibility of members pushing entries.
- 9. Visit to ROH, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** All tickets had been distributed. Members were to arrange their own transport and meals.
- 10. Visit to Sikh temple, Gravesend, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.0pm:** A board had been put round and there had been a good response. It would be circulated at future meetings and members reminded. Own transport and victualling arrangements. BD to check on car parking and shoes.
- 11. Proposed visit to CERN:** Approximately 22 had shown interest. BD had had a long talk with Dr Becky Parker, of SL Boys' school. She had organised CERN visits over 18 years (and still did so) and showed great enthusiasm for them. Best form seemed to travel out one day, spend the whole of the next making the visit (the official guided one in the morning, and to the Visitor Centre in the afternoon, which Dr Parker said was extremely interesting in itself) and return on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the moment the end of October was being looked at, but a number of those interested felt it would be cold and dull in Geneva then, and that something in early September would be better. BD's hands had been very full with the ICC visit, and he would have to make time to get to this visit.

- 12. Possible visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry:** NM reported visits were possible on 2 Saturdays per month only, when the foundry would not be working. Cost was £12 per head. Agreed that NM would call in at the foundry shop (which is open 9.0 - 5.0 each day) when reasonably convenient for her and try to gain some insight into the real extent of the visit, and report to the committee accordingly.
- 13. Possible summer walk:** LS was prepared to organise this. He suggested meeting in the car park of the Black Robin at say 10.00am on a Thursday in June/July. The walk would be about 3 miles and take in a visit to Dunsters Farm where apple juice was made, returning to the pub for lunch. LS will investigate further and report to the committee.
- 14. Possible visit to ECO:** NM reported that their next concert would not appeal to everyone, but the orchestra was to perform an attractive programme in the cathedral on 7<sup>th</sup> March, which she would publicise to the Club
- 15. AOB.** IW reported that interesting tours of the Guildhall at Sandwich were available. He would go and investigate, and report to the next meeting. LS said it was possible to visit the Fire Rescue place in Canterbury, and felt the Club might be able to help them in some way. It was agreed that as the committee had a fairly full programme, this item might be left to be raised at a future meeting.
- 16. DONM:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Cricket Ground at 6.0pm