

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the meeting held Tuesday 12th August 2014

Present:- Jacqui Bartlett, John Beckett, Nan Miller, Les Stephenson, Roddy Tyndale-Biscoe, Alan Mepstead.

Apologies:- Tim Brett, Brian Dobinson, Mike Talbot, Ian Wright.

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 7th July 2014 were approved, with all matters arising being dealt with on the Agenda.
2. **Photographic competition.** RTB commented that while Canterbury Sunrise had sent an e-mail reminder to all their contacted schools, we had felt that it was better to contact schools when the summer holidays were over which he and AM will do. Closing date is 30th September and an exhibition is being held on 1st November.
3. **Innovation competition.** Agreed to run with this again for next year. BD has expressed an interest in organising. It was felt that £300 as one prize was too high. Perhaps £100 as first and £50 as second prize. AM will seek the necessary funding from Council.
4. **Ideas for involvement with schools.** We are presently involved with the Photographic competition and the Innovation competition as well as the schools Public Speaking event at the Guildhall. However it was agreed that it is difficult to engage with the vast majority of schools and LS commented that it was even proving more and more difficult to promote the Millennium fund. Last year's planning Seminar had been less than successful with only a handful of students attending. Any ideas are welcomed.
5. **Downe House.** NM has this well in hand with 28 people signifying their intention to go on 17th September.
6. **Dungeness trip.** AM has 59 people interested (now 55). Dates are 8th and 19th September.
7. **Other Visits.** Any ideas very welcome. Perhaps it is time to revisit some of our previous trips
8. **Visit to Parliament.** NM has tried to contact Julian Brazier, our local MP, but he has not been much help. Probably a non-runner.
9. **Classical Concert.** NM has the opportunity to arrange a trip to Cadogan Hall on 16th October. Tickets are £10 off, we will meet the soloist and attend part of the rehearsal with drinks etc. NM will put a Board round.
10. **Police Road Traffic centre.** Nothing further yet to report.
11. **Jobs Fair.** Both Christchurch and Kent universities hold similar events. Also most of our members will be "out of date". Also see minute 4. Probably a non-runner.
12. **Any Other Business.** Commented that we are possibly running too many events together. This was also commented on at the last meeting.
13. **Date of next meeting.** 9th September