

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held Tuesday 10th March 2015 at the Cricket Club.

Present: - Les Stephenson, Ian Wright, Nan Miller, John Beckett, Alan Mepstead, Peter Hodges, Brian Dobinson

Apologies: - Tim Brett, Mike Talbot, Rosemarie Morton, Roddy Tyndale –Biscoe.

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 2015 were approved, subject to the following.
 - The British Legion at Aylesford **DO** make some poppies, as well as road and different signs.
 - AM has spoken again to Noel Ensoll of the ESU as to the whereabouts of the Brett Cup and NE is still chasing this up.
- 2 **Innovation competition.** BD reported that there have not yet been any entries, but this was the same pattern as last year when entries were received at the last moment. Everyone is following up their allocated schools. Graham Warren has produced a good article in the Kentish Gazette.
- 3 **Photographic competition 2015.** AM reported that at a meeting with Sunrise and Forest of Blean it had decided to get a feedback from schools before proceeding with a competition for 2015. A form has been sent to all schools to see if there is any support for a competition this year. If Sunrise and FoB don't participate it will be difficult for one club to contact 60/70 schools.
- 4 **Events programme for 2015**
 1. **Shepherd Neame.** Faversham. Has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
 2. **Royal British Legion Industries** at Aylesford. NM has arranged a trip to the British Legion factory at Aylesford for 23rd April when they will be happy to arrange a visit for us of up to 30 people. This will start at 2.15pm and will take the form of a presentation followed by a tour of the factory in groups of 10. The event will be preceded by a lunch at The Friars – two courses £12. AM will send out an e-mail and prepare a Board for the next Rotary lunch. (Brian – thank you for sending out e-mail.) AM will seek a donation of £100 from VSC budget at next council meeting.
 3. Visit **to Chatham Dockyard** as previously noted AM has contacted re guided tour to see three warships. HMS Cavalier (1944 Destroyer) HMS Gannet (1878 Frigate) and HM Submarine Ocelot (1962). Lunch on HMS Cavalier – Fish and Chips. Cost to include lunch about £22. This to be the next trip after British Legion and aim for early June

4. **Tower Bridge.** As noted and aim for Late August. AM has contacted. (As previous minute a visit to Tower Bridge to see the engine room and the new glass walk over the Thames. The cost of this will be in the region of £5.65 per person plus £56 for the tour guide. The visit takes about one and a half hours and it is thought that rather than add something else, members would be free if they wish to go on to the Tower of London or possibly HMS Belfast.)
5. Visit **to Quex House** at Birchington.as already noted and aim for October, (AM has contacted. 15th Century House and Gardens and home to the Cotton Powell Museum. Cost about £20 to include lunch at Mama Feelgoods.)
- 5 **Police Visit.** Nothing further to report.
- 6 **Country walks.** BD mentioned that he had heard a radio programme on walks which concentrated on Fungi. He will follow this up. Nothing further to report.
- 7 **Canterbury Walks.** AM will make contact.
- 8 **A.O.B.**
 - IW pointed out that some outings were being organised outside of this committee, which made it difficult to set out a structured timetable of events. We already have to take note of such events as the Safari supper and the Duck Race. Agreed to ask that all outings come through this committee.
 - BD mentioned that Peter Hermitage was keen for the club to be pro-active with schools during his presidential year mentoring children with CV's and interview technique among others.
- 9 **Date of next meeting** 14th April. 2015. Apologies John Beckett