

Newsletter – November 2017

Programme for November 2017:

Date	Details	Venue	Speaker	Stewards
1/11/17 (Wednesday) – 4/11/17 (Saturday)	Assistance with Poppy Appeal	Town Centre	-	-
6/11/17 (Monday) – 11/11/17 (Saturday)	Assistance with Poppy Appeal	Town Centre	-	-
7/11/17 (Tuesday)	Community Service Committee 11.30/ Vocational Committee 11.50	Kent County Cricket Club	-	-
	Lunch Business Meeting 12:30	Kent County Cricket Club	None	Robin Vickers & Michael Leadbeater
12/11/17 (Sunday)	Remembrance Sunday	-	-	-
14/11/17 (Tuesday)	Intl Service Committee 18:00 (Confirm with Chair)	Kent County Cricket Club	-	-
	Evening Meeting 19:00	Kent County Cricket Club	Sarah Wright (SCAT - Skeletal Cancer Action Trust, President's Charity) Host: Sharon Jordan	Leslie Stephenson & Raj Dasan
18/11/17 (Saturday)	Christmas Collection	Morrison's	-	-
21/11/17 (Tuesday)	Club Service Committee 12:00	Kent County Cricket Club	-	-
	Lunch Meeting 12:30	Kent County Cricket Club	Wendy Freshman - The Mediation Service Host: David Barton	Peter Wales & Lewis Norris
	Club Council 18:00	K&C Club	-	-
28/11/17 (Tuesday)	Lunch Meeting 12:30	Kent County Cricket Club	Charlie Russell - Kents Little Owls (Little Owl Nestbox Scheme) Host: Alan Mepstead	Graham Bough & Robert Yonge

Please note: if you have not received an email advising you of the date(s) of when you are required to be a steward, then check the website programme as this now give details of stewards for the next few meetings. If you cannot do a date that you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. **You are also required to advise Wendy Jones (Dining Secretary), Martin Ward (interim Webmaster) and Julie Reza (PR & Newsletter) of the changes.**

Coming up:

- **Annual Christmas Dinner** (black tie) – on Saturday 16 December at Darwin Conference Centre, UKC. Reception starts at 6.15pm; the evening should finish ~10pm. VIP Guests: The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Lord Carey of Clifton and Lady Eileen and hopefully Lord Mayor, Rosemary Doyle and Lady Mayoress, Jenny Yonge. Entertainment from Cameo Opera Group. Letters/formal invites will go out to members over the next week.
- **Christmas collections** (at Morrison's) – on Saturday 18 November and 'bagging collections' on Monday 18 December and Tuesday 19 December. Please contact **Raj Dasan** and let him know the dates when you can collect.
- **Special General Meeting** to Elect the Officers Club for the Rotary Year 2018/9 will be held after Lunch at the Kent County Cricket Club on Tuesday 5 December 2017. See email from Peter Hodge for details.
- Note: No meetings on 19 and 26 December, no meeting on 2 January.

Membership changes:

Sadly, **David Bailey** and **Charles Evans** have resigned from the Club (for personal reasons). We wish them all the best for the future.

Joe Nolan has also resigned (work commitments made meeting attendance difficult). She is in the process of transferring to the Forest of Blean Club. We hope to see more of her during activities shared with that club.

A new Website Committee will be formed in due course and a new Chair appointed. Please note that **Martin Ward** had taken on the role of interim Webmaster. Issues with EMS or the website should be addressed to Martin, who should also be contacted with minutes that need posting.

Club Secretary **Peter Hodge** (who has moved away) will, where possible, attend meetings up to the end of this year and **Neil Fraser** has kindly offered to assist with this role in the short term. (Note: Peter sent his new contact details to members by email).

Please update your directories with the above changes.

President Sharon Jordan has sent out an appeal for nominations for Club secretary. Anyone interested in the role should contact Sharon.

Boxing Dinner evening:

This may not go ahead until later next year. The Fundraising Committee is working on a possible replacement for this Rotary year. More details in due course.

Innovation competition/other:

Brian Dobinson has been steadily working away with schools for next year's competition.

As a result of his interactions, Brian has also sent around an email to members in relation to:

- visiting Queen Elizabeth School regarding their Formula 1 in Schools competition entry.
- Archbishop's School, who are looking for mentors, work placements and would like to have talks by business people.

Please contact Brian if you are interested or would like to know more details about any of the above.

Rotary Club of Canterbury, 100 Club:

Club members are encouraged to join the 100 Club. The first draw will be held on Tuesday 7 November. Please contact **Graham Bough** for further details.

Sailor Ted:

Club members are encouraged to submit Sailor Ted entries. **Tony Pomeroy** will be collecting estimates/fees at lunchtime meetings.

New news stories:

Stories added to the web site for late Sept/October include articles about the visit to St Quentin, an update on the Juba project, World Polio day (including the Cathedral going purple), the District Conference in Bournemouth, President's Quiz Night*, fundraising (poppy appeal, hurricanes) donations (Food Bank, Catching Lives, Children's Social Work Team, Sing For Your Life, Rotary raffle prize for MS Therapy Centre fundraiser), presentations (Chris Crooks on being a Vesturer, Elizabeth Roberts on Laser Therapy, Peter Warr on Team Tanzania and David Tadd on Forensic identification after the 2004 Tsumani) and visiting Rotarian (Carmen From Lebanon). The ducks are also making an occasional comeback as part of a series of duck travels. Thanks to those who have contributed to these articles, either with text or by giving Julie contact information etc. **Please tell Julie Reza about any other events, visits or newsworthy stories ... or if you wish to take a duck on travels with you!**

**President Sharon gives grateful thanks to those who attended the Quiz Night and made it such fun. The raffle raised £112 for The President's charities.*

Wheelchair Rugby Dinner Evening (new event!):

This could take place in March/April 2018. A sub-committee is in place and negotiations are ongoing with Canterbury Rugby Club. Updates will be provided in due course.

Attendance stats:

September 2017 meeting attendance was 50.88% (versus 51.61% for September 2016).

Guests:

Members are reminded that only the speaker's meal is paid for by the club. Other guests should either pay for themselves on the day or their host should pay for them on the day or via his/her account. Please tell **Wendy Jones** about all guests. (Wendy informs Roger for reconciliation.) At present the cost is £15.50 at the Cricket Club or £17.00 at the Golf Club.

Reminders:

- Any member planning to be away for **more than three weeks** should apply to the Secretary (**Peter Hodge** but copy **Neil Fraser**) for Leave of Absence or to be excused from attendance as appropriate.
- Please contact:
 - **Wendy Jones** (Dining Secretary) for any issues to do with dining and stewards.
 - **Mark Rosen** (Speakers Secretary) with suggestions for interesting speakers.
 - **Martin Ward** (Interim Webmaster) for posting minutes and for web/EMS issues.
 - **Julie Reza** (PR & Newsletter) with relevant news and articles.
 - **David Lewis** (Almoner/Health report) if a Rotarian or a member of his/her family is ill.

Please refer to the Club Directory for other contacts within the club.