

Newsletter – December 2017

Programme for December 2017:

Date	Details	Venue	Speaker	Stewards
5/12/17 (Tuesday)	Community Service Committee 11.00/ Vocational Committee 11.50 (Confirm with Chair)	Kent County Cricket Club	-	-
	Special General Meeting (Lunch Business Meeting) 12:30	Kent County Cricket Club	None	Ian Wright & John Beckett
9/12/17 (Saturday)	Lord Mayor Xmas Gift Fund Collection 09.00 – 17.00	The Parade (near M&S)	-	-
12/12/17 (Tuesday)	Evening Meeting 19:00	Kent County Cricket Club	Matthew & Michelle Robinson, (House parents at Kent College) - "Iceland" Host: Gerald Colson	Andrew Barchi & Caroline Lees
16/12/17 (Saturday)	Christmas Dinner <i>Reception starts at 6.15pm</i>	Darwin Conference Centre UKC	-	-
18/12/17 (Monday)	Christmas 'bagging collection'	Morrisons		
19/12/17 (Tuesday)	Christmas 'bagging collection'	Morrisons	-	-
	NO Meeting	-	-	-
26/12/17 (Tuesday)	NO Meeting	-	-	-

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:

- **Special General Meeting** – Tuesday 5 December – to Elect the Officers Club for the Rotary Year 2018/19. See email from Peter Hodge for agenda and other details.
- **Marjorie Lyle talk** – 4pm, Friday 15 December – "Canterbury Characters Remembered", The Friends' Meeting House, The Friars, Canterbury. Tickets £5 (or donations) at the door. (Not a Rotary event – in aid of the Dean's Challenge.) For details:
<http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/marjorie-lyle-talk.html>

- **Annual Christmas Dinner** (black tie) – Saturday 16 December – at Darwin Conference Centre, UKC. Reception starts at 6.15pm. Entertainment from Cameo Opera Group. (Deadline has passed.)
- **Christmas collections** (at Morrison's) – Monday 18 December and Tuesday 19 December – 'bagging collections'. Please contact **Raj Dasan** if you can collect.
- **Book club** next meeting – Thursday 1 February – notes now in members area of website.
- **Note:** No meetings on 19 and 26 December, no meeting on 2 January.

Food bank collection (Community Service):

See email from Bob Anderson via Peter Hodge for details of items that would be welcomed. Contact **Bob Anderson** to donate items and/or money by **Tuesday 5 December**.

Innovation competition:

Has kicked off – we hope entries will start coming through from January. Information about it can be found in the Young People section of our website: <http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/innovation-competition.html>; will soon have a news item as well.

Stamps for Pilgrims Hospices:

Seasonal reminder to collect all your used postage stamps for Pilgrims Hospices. Ask family and friends, especially those that work in offices, to collect too! Please hand stamps to **John Hill**.

Sad news:

Rotarian widow Marie Denne and Past Rotarian Keith Sullivan sadly both passed away during November. Their families are in the thoughts and prayers of the Club.

Member details:

See emails from **Peter Hodge** for some updates to member details in the directory.

The Club's 100th Anniversary - Wednesday 9 February 2022:

See email from Peter Hodge about the anniversary and give feedback to **Harry Cragg**, who will lead the team that will organise the event. Also tell him if interested in being part of the committee.

Rotary Club of Canterbury, 100 Club:

Results of the first draw (held on Tuesday 7 Nov). First prize - £50 - Tim Brett; Second Prize - £30 - Stephen Thompson; Third prize - £10 - Geoff Goodban. Please contact **Graham Bough** for further details.

Street collection for Shelter Box

Raised £717.57; thanks to all who helped.

News stories added to the website:

We've had a busy time! Stories added to the web site for late October/November include articles about the Poppy Appeal/ Remembrance Day, various talks (Marjorie's, Scat, Little Owls, Yoakleys), inductions (Kailash, Jo @ Forest of Blean), Rtn travels (Richard in Bhutan), donations (Tools For Self Reliance), book club, collections (Christmas, Wishing well, stamps), tweet-anniversary, and Rising Sun/Beaney exhibition. More stories to come as soon as details are provided. Thanks to all who have contributed, 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!**

Attendance stats:

October 2017 meeting attendance was 53.6% (versus 58.96 % for October 2016).

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.

*****This newsletter will soon be available in the members' area of our Rotary website*****