

Newsletter – March 2020

IMPORTANT! Club Programme March 2020 onwards:

- The most accurate and up-to-date details of the next few meetings can be found in the password protected Member's area of our website (you will need to login to view this. Or you can access the page via the yellow "member login" button at the top of the home page). To avoid duplication this newsletter will not include these details for a trial period.
- ***Also note: If you cannot do a date that you have been assigned as Steward, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. You are also required to advise Raj Dasan (Dining Secretary), Martin Ward (Webmaster) and cc Julie Reza (PR & Newsletter) of the changes.***
- Members of Committees are asked to liaise with Committee Chairs for details of Committee meetings.
- Note: Business meeting on 3 March 2020 has an early start (12.15 for 12.30) – see EMS email

Also coming up:

- Auction of Promises, Tyler Village Hall: 21 March 2020 (Date and venue undecided)
- Mock interviews, Langton girls: 24 March 2020
- (Rotary Club of Sandwich Golf Challenge: Friday 17 April 2020)
- (Volunteer Expo (2020), NEC, Birmingham: 1-3 May 2020)
- Pentangular 2020, Leuven: 15-17 May 2020
- Mock interviews, Canterbury College: 22 or 29 April 2020
- (Channel Rotary Club of Folkestone 40th Anniv Lunch: 5 June 2020)
- Honey Bears Nursery Fundraiser: Thursday 18 June 2020
- (Rotary Club of Canterbury Sunrise Annual Golf Day: Tuesday 23 June 2020)
- Safari Supper: Saturday 27 June 2020 (provisional date)

See below for details of some of these events. Bracketed events are not hosted/organised by our club.

Auction of Promises, Tyler Village Hall: 21 March 2020 (Date and venue undecided)

See email from Neil dated 17 December 2019. Please contact **Tony Loughran/David Barton** for latest details.

Mock interviews, Langton girls 24 March 2020 and Canterbury College 22 or 29 April 2020

See emails via the Secretary dated 15/2/2020 and 25/2/2020. Please contact Brian Dobinson if you're able to assist with these mock interviews or are interested in helping with future interviews.

(Rotary Club of Sandwich Golf Challenge: Friday 17 April 2020)

See email invite from Sandwich Club via the secretary on 8/2/2020. Entry form(s) need to be returned by 1st April 2020.

(Volunteer Expo (2020), NEC, Birmingham: 1-3 May 2020)

See RGBI email dated 12/1/2020 for details or click [here](#).

Pentangular 2020, Leuven: 15-17 May 2020

Please contact Alastair Scott, Pentangular Officer, regarding Pentangular 2020.

Please also note that minutes of the Pentangular Presidents Meeting held in Leuven in Nov 2019, in which Joint Pentangular Projects (JPPs) including proposed JPP4 for deaf children/Moldova were discussed, can be found on the Members Area of our website:

<http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/members-area/pentangularprojects.html> (remember to login first!)

A related item: (not sure if this has now been arranged) if you're able to host the teenage son of one of the Ludenscheid Rotary Club members (and his friend) this summer, please get in touch with **Martin Ward** – for details see email via the Members list dated 17//2/2020.

(Channel Rotary Club of Folkestone 40th Anniv Lunch: 5 June 2020)

Venue: The Spitfire Ground, Canterbury, £45pp. See email via the Secretary dated 4/2/2020.

Honey Bears Nursery Fundraiser: Thursday 18 June 2020

Time 2.30pm, Venue Littlebourne Village Hall. See email from **Bob Anderson** via the secretary on 26/2/20 for further information.

(Rotary Club of Canterbury Sunrise Annual Golf Day: Tuesday 23 June 2020)

Please see email via the Secretary dated 28/2/2020. All proceeds to Pilgrims Hospices.

Safari Supper: Saturday 27 June 2020 (provisional date)

Provisional date: Saturday 27 June 2020. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

Other information

Newsletter: Apologies for the lack of newsletters lately.

Coronavirus

Please keep Neil and Raj (Health & Safety Officer) informed of any concerns regarding potential coronavirus exposure/risk, as mentioned by Neil at the meeting on 25 February.

Dining

Members who either 'un-booked' or added a guest(s) on EMS for meetings on either the 31st March or 7th April will need to do these again as the updates have been deleted. Please contact **Maxine Blades** if you need any help with this.

Please also check your **member details** in EMS (via the "member login" button at the top of our [website](#)) and check that you have opted in for lunch/evening as appropriate. If you have any difficulties doing so, please contact Dining Secretary **Raj Dasan**.

Speakers - suggestions

Please contact **Dee Mepstead & Maxine Blades** (Joint Speakers Secretaries*) with suggestions for speakers for July 2020/June 2021 - please see email via the Secretary dated 18/02/2020.

Officers for District

Please see email from Pauline Goldsack via the Secretary dated 26/2/2020 for details.

Stamps for Pilgrims Hospices

Do please keep collecting stamps and contact **John Hill** with any queries. *All I need is for you to tear off the corner of the envelope with the stamps, collect them in an envelope or bag, and pass them to John.*

(In the last 10 months they raised £2,975 by selling stamps through shops/ auctions / eBay. Their volunteers found other bits of ephemera which have also sold well, incl. 40 Dover Tram tickets (£415) and 20 China and Hong Kong postcards (£600).

Gift Aid

Don't forget to give **Stephen Thompson** a complete Gift Aid form - see his email dated 2/1/2020.

Book club

If you wish to join the book club please contact **Brian Dobinson**. Notes of recent book clubs will be available on the Member's area of our website soon, as usual.

Caption competition

The closing date for this competition, organised by Bob Anderson, has now passed by. Winners will be decided in early March and noted in the next newsletter.

Rotary 100 Club

Please contact **Graham Bough** to join the 100 Club – it's only £1 per month!

Sailor Ted

This year's competition started on the 1st October 2019 and will end on the 31st of May 2020.

Remember that all cruisers must register their cruise with **Tony Pomeroy** prior to embarking on the cruise. For details/queries about Sailor Ted, please contact Tony.

Sad news

By now most members will know that John Beckett passed away earlier in February and a number of Rotarians attended his funeral on 21 February 2020. Pauline sent deep thanks to all who wrote to her.

Attendance stats: January 2020: 57.87%, many thanks to **Ken Beere** for this information.

New articles

There have been quite a number of articles posted since the last newsletter, so rather than list them here, please visit our website: <http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/>

Please note that dates that accompany stories are date of posting and not necessarily of the event.

Nan Miller usually sends club news to the Gazette. Please remember to tell **Julie Reza** about events, activities, donations, visits or any other newsworthy stories.

Reminders

- Any member planning to be away for **more than three weeks** should normally apply to the Secretary (**Lewis Norris**) for Leave of Absence or to be excused from attendance as appropriate.
- For the time-being, also please contact
 - **Raj Dasan** (Dining Secretary) for any issues to do with dining and stewards.
 - **David Barton** (Events) for special event-specific issues.
 - ***Maxine Blades & Dee Mepstead** (Joint Speaker's Secretary) with suggestions for interesting speakers.
 - **Martin Ward** (Webmaster) for web/EMS issues.
 - **Julie Reza** (Publ & Newsletter) with relevant news and articles.
 - **David Lewis** (Almoner/Health report) if a Rotarian or a member of his/her family is ill.