

## Members' newsletter – October 2020

### Club programme:

- The updated Club programme can be seen on our website here:  
<http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/rotary-club/club-programme.html>
- Visitors, especially prospective Rotarians, are welcome - but are asked to contact us first (contact details at [www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/contact/contact.html](http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/contact/contact.html))
- Due to Covid-19, for the time being we are meeting online by Zoom. This is the URL until further notice: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3484423928#success> You may need to click on "launch meetings" or follow instructions in a dialogue box. Please contact **Richard Kemball-Cook** if you need help attending the online meetings.
- Members of Committees are asked to liaise with Committee Chairs for details of Committee meetings.

### Dates for your diaries (all TBC, given Covid-19):

- Wear something purple at our usual Tuesday Zoom meeting!: 20 October 2020
- St Dunstan's lit up etc - World Polio Day: 24 October 2020
- Rotary Canterbury Book Club: 28 October 2020
- Christmas Cracker at St Gregory's: 8 December 2020: TO BE CONFIRMED

2021

- Macbeth in the Park: April 2021: TO BE CONFIRMED
- Art & Craft Fair: 26 April 2021
- (Rotary Convention, Tapei: 12-16 June 2021)

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

### **St Dunstan's lit up etc - World Polio Day: 24 October 2020**

Hopefully St Dunstan's Church will be lit up in purple – a joint effort with the Sunrise Club. Please do share with friends and family and ask them to share details (and photos) on social media with this link to raise awareness of Rotary and Polio <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio> and hashtags #endpolio #RotaryCanterburyPolio2020. Crocus corms will also be planted at St Dunstan's and Westgate Gardens (area for Canterbury Umbrella group).

In the meantime, 8,000 crocuses have been bagged and delivered to Rtms, overseen by Tony – thanks to volunteers Bob, Viv, Stephen, Lewis and Sidney. £1,215 raised (297 bags). For payment details see email from **Tony Loughran** dated 23/9/2020.

Please also remember to **wear something purple** (e.g. a tie, scarf, crocus pin) for the meeting on **20 October** as Julie will try to take a screen shot for another article to raise awareness about polio.

(Apparently, the PM commented on the work of the Rotary movement and its efforts to eradicate Polio during PMQ.)

### **Rotary Canterbury Book Club: 28 October 2020**

Next meeting 28 October 7.30pm by Zoom. Book is "Heart of Darkness" – Conrad. Previous notes will soon be available in the Member's area of our website. Please contact **Brian Dobinson** if you wish to join.

### **Christmas Cracker at St Gregory's: 8 December 2020: TO BE CONFIRMED**

This is not yet cancelled but with University isolation and further restrictions etc the expectation is that it will be.

## **2021**

### **Art & Craft Fair: 26 April 2021**

Please contact **Alan Mepstead** for further information.

### **Macbeth in the Park: April 2021: note new date TO BE CONFIRMED**

Date rescheduled due to a change of circumstances relating to Covid-19 (previously September).

Please contact **Phil Abbott** for further information.

## **Other information**

### **Face-to-face meetings update from District**

For details, see email from Alan dated 23/9/2020. Final sentence of the update *"The Governing Council are, therefore, issuing this statement that no face-to-face meetings are to be held until the social interactions' restrictions are lifted and Rotary feel comfortable that all our members can return to face-to-face meetings safely."*

### **Business meeting**

The Club was given updates on various activities, including on Regeneration (**ST**), Vocational (**MM**), District Grants (**VP**)\*, Millennium Fund (**RP**), Centenary (**ST**), archives (**AF**) and Polio Day (**AM**). \*This included details of the project for which Julie is fundraising with her photo competition. A vote was taken and carried on support for Juba.

**Alan Forrest** (archivist) requested help with the archives.

We are also hoping to induct two new Members soon (**AM**) and Vocational are organising a new Essay Competition (**MM**). Members are encouraged to read Club Council minutes and other minutes on the Member's area of the website. Please contact the relevant person (bracketed) for further details.

### **Stelling Minnis walk: 8 September 2020**

Several Rtms went on the walk windmill visit. See [story](#). Thanks to organisers including Gill, Maxine, Andrew and Brian.

### **The 2020 Rotary Croquet Championship**

This was cancelled due to the change in Covid-19 restrictions, but will be "on the agenda" for 2021.

### **Recent speakers**

- Gloria Barnett – has new book out – see email from her via the Secretary
- Four Peacocks – their website is: <https://www.fourpeacocksublishing.com/> (Many thanks to Peter who obtained signed copies of their book for members that requested a copy.)

## Community Service Committee (CSC)

**David Barton** (CSC Chair) would like to emphasise that the CSC is focussed for the time being on supporting people affected directly or indirectly by Covid-19. For example, they hope to help support a hostel for women traumatised by domestic violence (which we know has increased during lockdown) and plan to assist with a Christmas party for the increased number of abused children during lockdown.

## "Who's that baby?" competition



**Julie Reza** will announce winners (and answers) at the next meeting according to those with *the highest number of correct answers!* Deadline will be extended to missay on 5 October. There's a bonus point for anyone who can guess who this little mite is. (Sorry, he got missed off the competition somehow). Just email Julie!

Many thanks from Julie to all who took part & supported Julie's fundraising.

## Innovation (popup) competition

Winners announced and cheques going out soon. 1st: Amara Leeming, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School (QEGS), "social distance detector"; 2nd: Charlotte & Holly Fletcher, Sir Roger Manwood's School, "dog feeder" (fun video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4YxXupVWjQ>); 3rd: Javier Gladstone Contioso (QEGS), trolley handle. Contact **Brian Dobinson** for more details.

## F1 in Schools

Eclipse, the QEGS team that we've helped support this year, won Best Pit Display and came 3rd overall in National finals. They sent a letter of thanks to us via Brian: "We would not have been able to be so successful without you". They are provisionally booked to give us a talk in November.

## Royal British Legion Remembrance Day

Sadly, there will be no collection this year. Please see email from Alan dated 30/9/2020 where he encourages members who wish to do so to send a cheque; we can get GiftAid on this. Please contact **Stephen Thompson** (who has been handling our relationship with the BL) for more information. (FYI, via Facebook the Legion is also asking the nation to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal inspired by the number 11. You can find out more about this here: <https://bit.ly/3jjeoB3>. Please let Julie know if you take part!

## Sidney William Bligh

Bligh was a Rotarian in the 1930s, and Kent Archives alerted us to the fact that they have a video about him called "Seeking Sydney". See the video here:

[https://vimeo.com/403972225?fbclid=IwAR3WNwXBiTzKzBp\\_qaEJspa19M6hq7iywhyNWqadm8lcYAwQL6X4gCDexhs](https://vimeo.com/403972225?fbclid=IwAR3WNwXBiTzKzBp_qaEJspa19M6hq7iywhyNWqadm8lcYAwQL6X4gCDexhs)

Since then Julie has come across a news cutting of when Bligh was elected President, a very short video clip titled "CHISLET COLLIERY; Canterbury Rotarians visit Chislet Colliery"

(<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/cafa/chislet-colliery/>) and another short video of Canterbury Rotary Club taking Alford Aid children for a day trip to Birchington

(<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/cafa/alford-aid-children-at-birchington/>) by Bligh.

She also found a video of the Cathedral made by John Clague for our Club which might interest some:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/cafa/twymans-corner/>

More about "Seeking Sydney" in this CommunityAd article: <https://www.communityad.co.uk/seeking-sidney-bligh-bridge-communityad/>

### **Richard Kemball-Cook on TV**

You can watch Richard Kemball-Cook on BBC's "Stories of Us" here via BBC iplayer:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000mmc0/stories-of-us-series-1-episode-7>.  
Richard talks about bees around the 37-minute mark.

### **Diamond Wedding Anniversary**

Congratulations to John and Joan Hill who celebrated on 17 September. John has been a Member of the Club for 36 of their 60 years of marriage and says: "we thank you for the friends we have and the good times we have shared".

### **Duck Race**

Thoughts about an alternative haven't been finalised – any updates will be circulated when ready.

### **Round-robin letter**

**Alan Mepstead** sent a message the other day (26/09/2020) and encourages members to give their own updates and "send to all". This is a good way to stay in touch and tell others about what we're up to in between meetings, and helps reinforce fellowship in the Club while we're unable to meet face-to-face.

### **Inner Wheel fundraising**



**Sheila AND Harry Cragg** are walking 88 miles for Kent Air Ambulance. Update from Sheila: "30 miles down, 58 to go!! Thank you to everyone who is spurring us on".

### **Request for help from the Rotary Club of Epsom**

They are looking for someone to introduce a UCA student to Canterbury/act as mentor. Contact **Alan Mepstead** if you can help – see message him via the Secretary dated 28/9/2020.

### **Rotary 100 Club**

The 100 Club Draws take place in October, February and June in each presidential year. Please contact **Graham Bough** to join the 100 Club – it's only £1 per month!

### **Sailor Ted**

Don't forget to contact Tony Pomeroy with your nautical miles. Only miles travelled by sea or river are relevant. Cross Chanel Ferry trips do not count!

### **Member resources from RGBI**

For anyone interested - these can be found here: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/members/club-district-support/membership-development-retention/resources-2/> (includes new member resources).

### **Rotary #EndPolioGoalChallenge**

A social media challenge: "pick a fun, interesting or tricky way to get an item of your choice into a goal or target." See RGBI newsletter of 24/9/2020 for details of how to get involved.

**Attendance stats:** N/A until further notice.

### **New articles**

Please visit our website: <http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/>

Further articles will be added over the next few days.

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

Please remember to tell **Julie Reza** about any newsworthy stories or if you want to add to the series of articles about Members' hobbies/pastimes. (These were mainly written for those in isolation/lockdown, but they can continue to tell others about our Members.)