

## **Members' newsletter – November 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):**

- Walk, from Stephen's: 11 November 2020: **CANCELLED**
- Quiz night (online): 1 December 2020
- Christmas Cracker at St Gregory's: 8 December 2020: **CANCELLED**
- Christmas get-together (online): 15 December 2020
- Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): THURSDAY 10 December 2020
- Macbeth: 6 April 2021
- Art & Craft Fair: 26 April 2021
- (Rotary Convention, Taipei: 12-16 June 2021)

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

#### **Walk, from Stephen's: 11 November 2020: CANCELLED**

Sadly, this event has had to be cancelled due to new Government restrictions.

#### **Quiz night (online): 1 December 2020**

This will take place online by Zoom. Further details of how it will be conducted will be provided in due course. Please contact **Peter Hermitage** if you need to know more.

#### **Christmas Cracker at St Gregory's: 8 December 2020: CANCELLED**

This event is now cancelled, though there are hopes that something may take place in 2021.

#### **Christmas get-together (online): 15 December 2020**

Starts at 7pm. An evening of song, poetry and readings. “Put on your glad rags & top up your drink glasses. We may not be able to meet but we can celebrate together.” For details please contact **Dee Mepstead**.

## **Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): THURSDAY 10 December 2020**

Next meeting 10 December 7.30pm by Zoom. "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Previous notes will soon be available in the Member's area of our website. Please contact **Brian Dobinson** if you wish to join.

## **2021**

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

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

### **Macbeth: 6 April 2021: note new date**

The theatre company "Primal Clay" in association with Phil Abbott Estates "are pleased to announce that the play will now be staged for the Rotary Club of Canterbury on the evening of Tuesday 6th April 2021 at Mr. Abbott's home starting at 7 p.m." Please contact **Peter Hermitage** for tickets – see message from him via the Secretary on 15/10/20.

## **Other information**

### **October business meeting**

The Club was given updates on various matters, including Welfare (**DL**), International (**VP\***), Raffle money (**AM\*\***), Dining accounts (**AM\*\*\***), and Polio Day (**AM/TL**). There was also an open forum at the end of the meeting.

\* The Rotary Club of Dhaka has been successful in its application for a Global Grant to set up a Covid lab in the National Cancer Hospital. (**Julie Reza** later circulated some information about this – see email circulated via the Secretary on 27/10/20)

\*\*Members agreed Council's proposal to transfer the balance of the weekly raffle account monies to the Charity General Account.

\*\*\*Members will be advised of their dining balance in November; any balance will be returned to them *unless they specifically advise otherwise*. Those who wish to donate all/part to the Club's Charity Account should advise the Treasurer accordingly and may want to give some indication of where they'd like the money to go. Gift Aid will be reclaimed.

Please see email circulated by **Alan Mepstead** on 21/10/20 for details of the matters discussed.

### **New Members**

We're delighted to announce and welcome two new Members - please update your directories with their names and email addresses:

- Shabana Raman - [shabanarc@googlemail.com](mailto:shabanarc@googlemail.com)
- Crispin Rampling - [rampling85@gmail.com](mailto:rampling85@gmail.com)

They will be inducted during our meeting on 10 November.

### **Brian's directory details**

Brian Dobinson's entry in the Club directory should be amended to the following:

- Email - [brianjdobinson@gmail.com](mailto:brianjdobinson@gmail.com)
- Mobile – 07485 028019

### **Officers of the Club**

- There are currently three posts for which Stephen is seeking volunteers: Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. Please see email from **Stephen Thompson** dated 20/10/20 and contact him if you wish to put your name forward.

## **World Polio Day**

This joint lighting-up event between ourselves and Sunrise went off very well. Thanks to all those involved. Crocuses were also planted at Westgate and St Dunstan's. There has been coverage in the Gazette and stories are also on our website/social media.

## **New Instagram (social media) account for our Club**

Thanks to help from Shabana, we have a new Instagram account:

<https://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/we-have-instagram.html>

This will help us gain a wider and younger audience and connect with other Rotary clubs in the UK and around the world. It's also a great new way of connecting with the local community. See email from Shabana via Alan dated 26/10/20 and also article on the [website](#). Please encourage others to follow us. For all queries re: social media contact **Julie Reza**

## **Community Ad article**

The latest issue of Community Ad has an article about our Club – please see email from Julie via the secretary dated 27/10/20.

## **"Who's that baby?" competition: results**

There were 8 entries from Members/spouses. Article linked [here](#). Winners:

- 1st Pauline Pritchard
- 2nd Viv Pritchard
- 3rd Peter Hermitage

Many thanks from Julie to all who took part & supported her fundraising efforts towards her own goal to raise £500 (for the Dhaka project). Members wishing to donate all/part of their dining balance to this will have the chance to do so once they have received the dining account balance information from Roger Power.

## **Upcoming speakers**

Speakers planned for November include the F1 in school team from Queen Elizabeth's, Faversham, Julie Reza (My life in saris) and Minal Koria (Bollywood Blast).

Julie's talk is an evening event. The talk, which will be longer than our usual talks, will be in two parts, the first introducing saris and the second covering how Julie's life has been enriched by wearing saris.

## **District: Polio masks and toy boxes**

Please see email from Pauline Goldsack via the Secretary on 29/10/20 about the above.

## **Juba**

Viv Pritchard (Chair International) will be sending Members a copy of the report sent to Pentangular Presidents about Juba.

## **Royal British**

Please contact **Stephen Thompson** if you wish to support the legion with a cheque. On Remembrance Sunday Chris Barnett (President, Sunrise) will represent Canterbury Rotary clubs with wreath laying.

## **Foodbank/Martin Ward on the BBC**

Our PP Martin Ward was interviewed by the BBC about Canterbury Food Bank. Members wishing to donate all/part of their dining balance to the Food Bank will have the chance to do so once they have received the dining account balance information from Roger Power.

### **Rotary 100 Club**

Latest winners of the “life-changing amount of money” announced by Graham:

1<sup>st</sup>: Tim Brett, £50

2<sup>nd</sup>: David Naumann, £30

3<sup>rd</sup>: Margaret Griffin, £10

The 100 Club Draws take place in October, February and June. Please contact **Graham Bough** to join the 100 Club – it’s only £1 per month! There are currently 54 members.

### **Wishing Well**

We’re hoping that our wishing well will soon be back in Tesco, giving us a little bit of income coming in for our charity account. Keep a look out for it and please tell your friends and family!

### **Sailor Ted**

Don’t forget to contact Tony Pomeroy with your nautical miles (!)

Only miles travelled by sea or river are relevant; cross-Channel ferry trips do not count!

### **Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom (RFUK)**

There is now a new standing order for Members that wish to set up a regular donation:

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/rfuk-standing-order-form/> See Rotary GB&I Service News - October 2020, sent to Members on 19/10/20.

**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.)