

Members' newsletter – February 2021

- 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)
- 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:

Club Coffee Bar (by Zoom) – every Thursday at 11 am, usual Zoom link – *but liaise with Richard first.*

- Club Meeting: evening on 9 Feb
- (District Council Meeting: 10 February)
- (Rotary day: 23 February)
- Pantomime: 2 March (TBC)
- Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): THURSDAY 11 March
- Pentangular by Zoom: 23 March (TBC)
- (Rotary Clubs of Canterbury Sunrise and Chestfield: "Food for Thought" Quiz: 6 March)
- (Rotary Convention, Tapei: 12-16 June)
- Macbeth: 14 September: note new date
- Art & Craft Fair: October? (TBC)

2022 Centenary year!

- Centenary party: 9 February (TBC)
- "1922 Remembered": 29 March (TBC)
- Pentangular: 13 - 15 May

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

Club Meeting on 9 Feb

Shabana Raman will be giving a talk – please note that this is an **evening** meeting starting at 18.45 for 19.00.

(District Council Meeting: 10 February)

This will be preceded by a talk on crowd funding.

(Rotary day: 23 February)

Celebrating 116 years since Rotary was founded by Paul Harris. RGBI has publicised a Purple4Polio tea party and a Humanitarian Service seminar– please see the RGBI newsletter dated 5/2/21. Please let **Julie Reza** know if you are planning to do anything to mark Rotary Day.

Pantomime: 2 March (TBC)

(By Zoom.) To be written and directed by **Peter Hermitage**, date & details to be confirmed; at the moment this is tentative.

Pentangular by Zoom: 23 March (TBC)

Alan Mepstead is trying to organise this online meet-up for all members of the five clubs. Date & details to be confirmed.

Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): THURSDAY 11 March

Next meeting Thursday 11 March at 7.30pm. Book is "Homecoming" by Ghanaian-American novelist Yaa Gyasi. Previous notes will soon be available in the Member's area of our website. Please contact **Brian Dobinson** to join.

(Rotary Clubs of Canterbury Sunrise and Chestfield: "Food for Thought" Quiz: 6 March)

This will take place at 7pm for a 7:30pm start; also a "dress up". For further details about the event and how to purchase tickets see email sent via Alan dated 27/1/21. Please contact **Alan Mepstead** for further information.

Macbeth: 14 September: note new date

Please contact **Peter Hermitage** for tickets – see message from him via the Secretary on 2/2/21.

Art & Craft Fair: October? (TBC)

Although not yet cancelled this is unlikely to go ahead in April as previously planned. Stephen has it in his programme for October.

2022**Centenary party: 9 February (TBC)**

Organiser: Martin Ward (Music organiser: Bob Anderson). Venue: King's School Hall. This will be a ticketed event. Details to be confirmed nearer the time.

"1922 Remembered": 29 March (TBC)

Organiser: Peter Hermitage. Venue: Langton Boys School. This will be a 5th Tuesday - meal and stage show.

Pentangular: 13 - 15 May

We will be hosting Pentangular this year!

Other information

February business meeting update

- Gift Aid discussion – Treasurer Richard Kemball-Cook gave details about what does/does not qualify for Gift Aid.
- Millennium Scholarship Fund - Roger Power gave an update and said a message will go out soon to all Members re: re-appointment of Trustees/nomination of a new Trustee.
- Centenary celebrations – Stephen Thompson gave details of (1) Centenary Party; (2) 1922 Remembered; (3) Memories of Senior Rotarians; (4) Souvenir card of Members; (5) Water filling station (article recently appeared in the Gazette).
- Regeneration - Peter Hermitage gave an update (see email sent by Peter via the Secretary on 18/12/20).
- Club Council – issues discussed at Council included Honey Bears and the dining account. Please see Club Council minutes for details.

Update to members' handbook

Please update your handbooks with Rosemary Doyle's changed address: 20 Rheims Court, CT2 8LB; Telephone 01227 478425.

Club Archivist

Tony Pomeroy has kindly agreed to take on this role.

Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership (VCS EP)

Crispin Ramping is our Club's contact for this scheme. Several Members have already put their names forward. Please contact Crispin if you wish to volunteer.

Rotary awards

Please see email dated 1/2/21 from **Tim Brett** via the Secretary asking for nominations from Club members for any awards, particularly the Paul Harris Fellowship. You can find details of awards in the members area of our website <https://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/club-council-area//awardscttee.html> (note you will need to log in).

Competitions for Secondary Schools (2021)

Our Innovation Competition and "Dear Future Self" Competition have been extended to include Kent, Essex, Sussex and Surrey. Please spread the news among your friends, family and contacts! Details about the competition can be found here: <https://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/competition-updates.html> For other queries, please contact **Brian Dobinson**.

Rotary 100 Club

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

Sailor Ted

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

Attendance stats: N/A until further notice.

Social media stats

Numbers are going up. Please like, share, follow etc. and keep encouraging friends & family to do so. The more people that know about our activities, the better. Remember that we need stories to share!

- [Instagram](#) – 294 followers (vs 200 last month)
- [Facebook](#) – 465 followers (vs 471 last month)
- [Twitter](#) – 1486 followers (vs 1431 last month)

New articles

All articles are on our website: <http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/>

It's a great way to catch up with news and stories that you may have missed.

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

We also had a mention in Community Ad (general) and the Gazette (water bottle filling station/column).

Please remember to tell **Julie Reza** about any Rotary-related stories.